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Poems, &c.

Written upon several

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And to several

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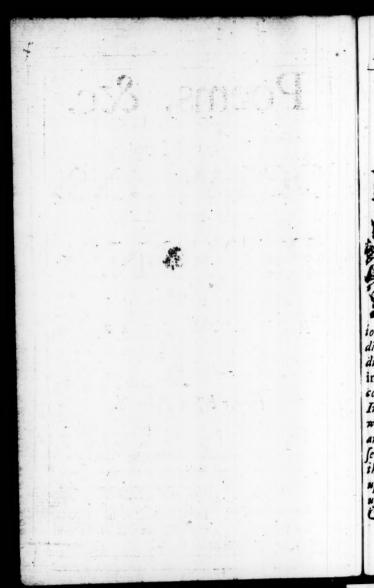
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Non ego mordaci distrinxi carmine quenquam, Nulla venenato littera Mista jeco est.

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The Printer TO THE READER.



Hen the Author of these Verses (Written only to please himself, and such particular persons to whom they were directed) returned from abroad some years since, He was troubled to find his name in Print, but somewhat satisfied

to see his Lines so ill rendred that he might justly disown them, and say to a mistaking Printer as one did to an ill Reciter,——Male dum recitas; incipit esse tuum. Having been ever since pressed to correct the many and gross faults (such as use to be in Impressions wholly neglected by the Authors) his answer was, that he made these when ill Verses had more favour and escaped better, than good ones do in this age; the severity whereof he thought not unhappily diverted by those faults in the impression, which hitherto have hung upon his Book, as the Turks hang old rags (or such like ugly things) upon their fairest Horses and other goodly Creatures, to secure them against fascination; and for those

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those of a more Confin'd understanding, who pretend not to Censure) as they admire most what they least comprehend, so his Verses (maim'd to that degree that himself (carce knew what to make of many of them) might that may at least have a Title to some Admiration, which is no small matter, if what an old Author observes be true, That the aim of Orators, is Victory; of Historians, Truth; and of Poets, Admiration; He had reason therefore to indulge those faults in his Book whereby it might be recon-

ciled to some, and commended to others.

The Printer also he thought would fare the worse, if those faults were amended; for we see maimed statues fell better than whole ones, and clipt aud washt Money go 7 about when the entire and weighty lies hoarded up. These for are the reasons which for above twelve years past he has opposed to our request; To which it was replyed, that as it would be too late to recall that which had fo long been made publick, so might it find excuse from his Touth (the season it was produc'd in) And for what had been box done fince and now added, if it commend not his Poetry, afi it might his Philosophy, which teaches him so chearfully to bear fo great a Calamity, as the loss of the best part of Ve his fortune (torn from him in Prison, in which, and in Tabanishment, the best portion of his life hath also been need spent) that he can still sing under the burthen, not under the like that Roman.

-Quem demisere Philippi Decisis humilem pennis inopemque Paterni V Et Laris, & fundi -

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They that acquainted with the Muses be, Send care and sorrow by the Winds to Sea.

Not so much moved with these reasons of ours (or pleas'd with our Rhimes) as wearied with our importunity, He has at last given us leave, To assure the Reader, That the Poems which have been so long and so ill set forth under his name, are here to be found as he stiff writ them; as also to add some others which have so so since been compos'd by him. And though his Advice to the contrary might have discouraged us, yet observing how often they have been reprinted, what price they have born, and how earnestly they have been always inquired born, and how earnestly they have been always inquired after, but especially of late, making good that of Horace, —Meliora dies, ut Vina, Poemata reddit; Some Verses being (like some Wines) recommended to our Taste by time and Age, we have adventured upon this new and well corrected Edition, which for our own lakes, as well as thine, we hope will succeed better than be apprehended.

ni Vivitur ingenio, Cætera mortis erunt.

Postscript.

OT having the same Argument as at first to perswade the Author that I might print his Verses more Correctly, which he found so ill done at his Return; I have now adventured, without giving him farther Trouble by importuning him for a new Permission, to Collect all that I can find. either left out of the former Edition, or fuch as have been fince made by him; to which I am the more encouraged, because the first (thô most of them were compos'd Fifty or Sixty years since (seem still New, which would be more strange in so changing a Language, had it not been by him improved, which may make one think it true that I have heard from some learn'd Criticks, that Virgil when he faid-Nova carmina pango. Meant not Verses that were never seen before (for in that sence all at first are new) but such as he thought might be ever New. May these still appear to be fo for the diversion of the Readers, and interest of

Their Humble Servant.

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Heree're thy Navy spreads her canvas wings Homage to thee, and peace to all she brings, The French and Spaniard, when thy Flags appear, Forget their Hatred, and consent to sear. So Jove from Ida did both Hosts survey, And when he pleas'd to Thunder, part the fray, Ships heretofore in Seas like Fishes sped, The mighty still upon the smaller sed. Thou on the deep imposest Nobler Laws, And by that Justice hast remov'd the Cause

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Of those rude Tempests, which for Rapine sent, Too oft alas, involv'd the innocent. Now shall the Ocean, as thy Thames, be free From both those fates, of Storms, and Piracy: But we most happy, who can fear no force But winged Troops, or Pegafean Horfe: 'Tis not fo hard for greedy foes to spoil Another Nation, as to touch our foil. Should Natures Self invade the World again, And o're the Center spread the liquid Main; Thy power were fafe, and her destructive hand Would but enlarge the bounds of thy command. Thy dreadful Fleet would ftyle Thee Lord of all, And ride in Triumph o're the drowned Ball. Those Towers of Oak o're fertile plains might go, And visit Mountains where they once did grow.

The Worlds Restorer never could endure, That finish'd Babel should those men secure,

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Whose Pride design'd that Fabrick to have stood Above the reach of any second Flood: To Thee his Chosen more indulgent he Dares trust such Power with so much Piery.

of the danger His Majesty (being Prince) escaped in the Road at Saint Andrews.

And reach't the sphere of his own power, the (main; With British bounty in his Ship he Feasts,
Th' Hesperian Princes, his amazed guests,
To find that watry Wilderness exceed
The entertainment of their great Madrid.
Healths to both Kings, attended with the rore
Of Cannons eccho'd from th' affrighted shoar,
With loud resemblance of his Thunder prove
Bacchus the seed of Cloud-compelling Jove.

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While to his Harp Divine Arisn fings The Loves and Conquests of our Albion Kings. Of the fourth Edward was his Noble fong: Fierce, Goodly, Valiant, Beautiful and Young: He rent the Crown from vanquisht Henry's head: Rais'd the white Rose, and trampled on the Red; Till Love triumphing o're the Victor's pride, Brought Mars and Warwick to the Conquer'd fide, Neglected Warnick (whose bold hand like fate, Gives and refumes the Scepter of our State) Wooes for his Master, and with double shame. Himself deluded, mocks the Princely Dame. The Lady Bona; whom just anger burns; And Foreign War with Civil Rage returns. Ah spare your Sword, where Beauty is to blame; Love gave th' Affront, & must repair the same : When France shall boast of her, whose conquering Have made the best of English hearts their prize;

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Have power to alter the decrees of Fate, And change again the Counfels of our State. What the Prophetick Mule intends, alone To him that feels the fecret Wound, is known. With the fweet found of this harmonious lay About the Keel delighted Dolphins play; Too fure a fign of Seas enfuing rage, Which must anon this Royal Troop engage: To whom foft fleep feems more fecure and fweet, Within the Town commanded by our Fleet. These mighty Peers plac'd in the gilded Barge, Proud with the burden of fo brave a charge: With painted Oars the Youths begin to fweep Neptunes smooth face, and cleave the yielding deep. Which foon becomes the feat of fudden War Between the Wind and Tide, that fiercely jar. As when a fort of lufty Shepherds try Their force at Foot-ball, care of Victory

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Makes them falute so rudely breast to breast. That their Encounter seem too rough for jest; They ply their feet, and still the restless Ball Tost too and fro is urged by them all: So fares the doubtful Barge 'twixt Tide and Winds: And like effect of their contention finds. Yet the bold Britains still securely row'd; Charles and his Virtue was their facred load:

Than with a greater pledge Heaven could not give, That the good Boat this Tempest should out-live. But storms encrease, and now no hope of grace Among them shines, fave in the Prince's Face The rest resign their courage, skill and sight To danger, horror, and unwelcome night.

The gentle Vessel, wont with state and pride On the smooth back of Silver Thames to ride, Wanders Aftonish'd in the angry main: As Titans Car did, while the golden rain : -

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Fill'd the young hand of his advent rous Son,
When the whole World an equal hazard run
To this of ours; the light of whose desire.
Waves threaten now, as that was skar'd by fire.
The impatient Sea grows impotent and raves,
That night (assisting) his impetuous waves
Should find resistance from so light a thing:
These sures, those our safety bring.
Th' oppressed Vessel doth the charge abide;
Only because assailed on every side;
So Men with rage and passion set on sire,
Trembling for hast, impeach their mad desire.

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The pale *Iberians* had expir'd with fear;
But that their wonder did divert their care;
To fee the Prince with danger mov'd no mere,
Than with the Pleasures of their Court before.
God-like his courage feem'd, whom nor delight
Could fosten, nor the face of Death assiright:

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Next to the power of making Tempests cease, Was in that storm to have so calm a peace.

Great Maro could no greater Tempest seign; When the loud Winds usurping on the Main, For angry Juno, labour'd to destroy The hated reliques of confounded Troy. His bold Aneas, on like billows toft. In a tall Ship, and all his Country loft, Dissolves with fear; and both his hands upheld, Proclaims them happy whom the Greeks had quel'd In Honourable fight: Our Hero fet In a finall shallop; fortune in his debt, So near a hope of Crowns and Scepters, more Than ever Priam, when he flourish'd, wore; His Loyns yet full of ungot Princes, all His Glory in the bud; lets nothing fall That argues Fear: If any thought annoys The Gallant youth, 'tis Loves untasted joys,

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And dear remembrance of that fatal glance,
For which he lately pawn'd his Heart in France.
Where he had feen a brighter Nymph than she
That sprung out of his present soe, the Sea.
That noble Ardor, more than mortal Fire,
The Conquer'd Ocean could not make expire;
Nor angry Thetis, raise her waves above
Th' Heroick Princes Courage, or his Love;
'Twas Indignation, and not Fear he felt,
The shrine should perish, where that Image dwelt.

Ah Love forbid! the Noblett of thy Train
Should not furvive to let her know his pain;
Who nor his Peril minding, nor his Flame,
Is entertain'd with fome less serious Game
Among the bright Nymphs of the Gallique Court;
All highly born, obsequious to her sport;
They Roses seem, which in their early pride,
But half reveal, and half their Beauties hide;

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She the glad morning, which her beams does throw,
Upon their finiling leaves, and gilds them fo:
Like bright Aurora, whose refulgent Ray
Foretels the fervor of ensuing day;
And warns the Shepherd with his Flocks retreat
To lease shadows, from the threatned heat.

From Cupids strings, of many shafts that fled, (shed, Wing'd with those plumes which noble fame had As through the wondring world she flew, and told Of his Adventures haughty, brave and bold, Some had already touch'd the Royal Maid; But loves first summons seldom are obey'd: Light was the Wound; the Prince's care unknown, She might not, would not yet reveal her own.

His glorious name had so possess her ears, That with delight those antique tales she hears. Of Jason, Theseus, and such Worthies old, As with his story best resemblance hold.

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And now she views, as on the wall it hung,
What old Museus so Divinely sung:
Which Art with life and love did so inspire,
That she discerns, and favours that desire,
Which there provokes th' advent'rous youth to
And in Leanders danger pities him:
Whose not new love alone, but fortune seeks
To frame his story like that amorous Greek's.

For from the stern of some good Ship appears
A friendly light, which moderates their sears:
New courage from reviving hope they take,
And climbing o'er the waves, that Taper make;
On which the hope of all their Lives depends;
As his on that fair Hero's hand extends.

The ship an anchor like a fixed Rock (knock; Break the proud Billows, which her large sides Whose rage restrained foaming higher swells, And from her Port the weary Barge repels

Threatning

Threatning to make her, forced out again, Repeat the dangers of the troubled main.

Twice was the Cable hurl'd in vain; the fates Would not be mov'd for our Sifter States:

For England is the third successful throw.

And then the Genius of that Land they know:

Whose Prince must be (as their own Books devise)

Lord of the Scene, where now his danger lies.

Well fung the Roman Bard; all humane things
Of dearest value hang on slender strings.
O see the then sole hope, and in design
Of Heaven our joy, supported by a line:
Which for that instant was Heaven's care above,
The chain that's fixed to the Throne of Jove;
On which the sabrick of our World depends;
One Link dissolv'd, the whole Creation ends.

Of His Majesties receiving the News of the Duke of Buckingham's Death.

O earnest with thy God, can no new care, No sense of danger interrupt thy Prayer? The facred Wrestler till a blessing given, Quits not his hold, but halting conquers Heav'n: Nor was the stream of thy Devotions stopp'd; When from the Body fuch a Limb was lopp'd, As to thy present state was no less maim; Though thy wife choice has fince repair'd the fame. Bold Homer durst not so great virtue feign In his best pattern, of Patroclus slain: With fuch amazement as weak Mothers ufe. And frantick gesture, he receives the news: Yet fell his Darling by the impartial chance Of War, impos'd by Royal Hector's Launce:

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Thine in full peace, and by a vulgar hand Torn from thy bosom, left his high command.

The famous Painter could allow no place For private forrow in a Prince's face: Yet, that his piece might not exceed belief, He cast a Veil upon supposed grief. Twas want of fuch a President as this, Made the old Heathen frame their Gods amis. Their Phabus should not act a fonder part For their fair Boy, than he did for his Heart; Nor blame for Hyacinthus fate his own That kept from him wished death; hadst thou been He that with thine shall weigh good David's deeds Shall find his Passion, not his Love exceeds. He curst the Mountains where his brave friend dy'd But let false Ziba with his Heir divide: Where thy immortal Love to thy best Friends, Like that of Heaven, upon their Seed descends.

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Such huge extreams inhabit thy great mind:
God-like, unmov'd; and yet like Woman kind.
Which of the ancient Poets had not brought
Our Charles His Pedigree from Heaven, and taught
How some bright dame compress by mighty Jove,
Produc'd this mixt Divinity and Love?

To the Queen, occasioned upon sight of Her Majesties Picture.

Presents that Beauty, which the dazling
Of Royal splendor hides from weaker eyes;
And all access (save by this Art) denies.
Here only we have Courage to behold
This beam of Glory; here we dare unfold
In numbers thus the wonders we conceive:
The gracious Image seeming to give leave,

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Propitious stands, vouching to be seen; And by our Muse saluted,

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In whom the extreams of Power and Beauty move? The Queen of Britain, and the Queen of Love. As the bright Sun (to which we owe no fight Of equal Glory to your Beauties light) Is wifely plac'd in so sublime a seat, T' extend his light, and moderate his heat: So happy 'tis you move in fuch a fphear; As your high Majesty with awful fear, In humane Breafts might qualify that Fire, Which kindled by those Eyes had flamed higher, Than when the scorched World like hazard run, By the approach of the ill guided Sun. No other Nymphs have Title to men's Hearts, But as their Meaness larger hope imparts:

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Your Beauty more the fondest Lover moves With Admiration, than his private loves; With Admiration; for a pitch fo high (Save facred Charles his) never Love durst fly. Heaven that preferr'd a Scepter to your hand, Favour'd our freedom, more than your command: Beauty had crown'd you, and you must have been The whole Worlds Mistress, other than a Queen. All had been rivals; and you might have spar'd, Or kill'd and tyranniz'd without a Guard. No power atchiev'd, either by Arms or Birth, Equals Love's Empire, both in Heaven and Earth Such eyes as yours, on Jove himself have thrown As bright and fierce a lightning as his own: Witness our Jove, prevented by their flame In his swift passage to th' Hesperian Dame; When, like a Lion, finding in his way To some intended spoil, a fairer prey;

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The Royal youth purfying the report Of Beauty, found it in the Gallique Court. There publique care with private passion fought A doubtful combat in his noble thought: Should he confess his greatness, and his love, And the free Faith of your great Brother prove, With his Achates breaking through the cloud Of that difguise which did their Graces shroud, And mixing with those gallants at the Ball, Dance with the Ladies and out-shine them all; Or on his Journey o're the Mountains ride: So when the fair Leucothoe he espy'd, To check his steeds, impatient Phabus earn'd; Though all the World was in his course concern To What may hereafter her Meridian do. Whose dawning beauty warm'd his bosome so: Of Not so divine a flame, since deathless Gods Forbore to visit the defil'd abodes

Of men, in any mortal breast did burn; Nor shall, till Piety and they return.

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Upon His Majesties repairing of Paul's.

That shipwrack vessel which th' Apostle bore Scarce suffer'd more upon Melitas shore,
Than did his Temple in the Sea of time;
(Our Nations Glory, and our Nations crime)
When the first Monarch of this happy Isle.
Mov'd with the ruine of so brave a pile,
This work of cost and piety begun,
To be accomplish'd by his glorious Son;
Who all that came within the ample thought
Of his wise Sire, has to perfection brought.
He like Amphion makes those Quarries leap

Into fair figures from a confus'd heap:

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For in his Art of Regiment is found A power, like that of Harmony in found. (Kings, Those antique Minstrels sure were Charles-like Cities their Lutes, and Subjects Hearts their Strings On which with so divine a hand they strook. Confent of motion from their breath they took. So all our minds with his conspire to grace The Gentiles great Apostle, and deface Those State-obscuring sheds, that like a Chain Seem'd to confine and fetter him again; Which the glad Saint shakes off at his command, As once the Viper from his facred hand: So joys the aged Oak, when we divide

Ambition rather would affect the fame
Of some new structure, to have born her name:
Two distant Virtues in one act we find,
The Modesty and Greatness of his mind;

The creeping Ivy from his injur'd fide.

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Which not content to be above the rage And injury of all-impairing age, In its own worth secure, doth higher climb, And things half swallow'd from the jaws of Time Reduce; an earnest of his grand design To frame no new Church, but the Old refine: Which Spoufe-like may with comely grace com-More than by force of argument or hand. For doubtful reason few can apprehend; And War brings ruin where it should amend: But Beauty with a bloodless conquest, finds A welcome Soveraignty in rudest minds. Not ought which Sheba's wondring Qeeen beheld Amongst the works of Solomon, excell'd His Ships and building; emblems of a Heart Large both in Magnanimity and Art. While the propitious Heavens this work attend, Long wanted showers they forget to fend;

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As if they meant to make it understood, Of more importance than our vital food.

The Sun which rifeth to falute the Quire Already finish'd, setting shall admire How private bounty could so far extend; The King built all, but Charles the Western-end So proud a Fabrick to Devotion given, At once it threatens and obliges Heaven.

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Laomedon that had the Gods in pay,
Neptune, with him that rules the facred day,
Could no fuch structure raise; Troy wall'd so high
Th' Artides might as well have forc'd the sky.

Glad, though amazed, are our neighbour King To fee fuch power employed in peaceful things They lift not urge it to the dreadful field; The task is easier to destroy, than build.

> ——Sic gratia Regum Pieriis tentata modis. Horac

The Country to my Lady of Carlifle.

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Madam. F all the facred Muse inspired, Orpheus alone could with the Woods comply; Their rude Inhabitants his Song admired, And Natures felf in those that could not lye. Your Beauty next our Solitude invades, And warms us, shining through the thickest shades Nor ought the tribute, which the wondring Court g Pays your fair Eyes, prevail with you to fcorn The answer and consent to that report, Which Eccho-like the Country do's return: Mirrors are taught to Flatter, but our Springs Present th' impartial Images of things. A Rural Judge dispos'd of Beauties prize, A simple Shepherd was preferr'd to Jove;

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Down to the Mountains from the partial Skies Came Juno, Pallas, and the Queen of Love, To plead for that, which was so justly given To the bright Carlifle of the Court of Heaven.

Carlifle! a Name which all our Woods are taught,
Loud as his Amarillis to refound;
Carlifle! a Name which on the Bark is wrought
Of every Tree that's worthy of the Wound.
From Phabus rage, our shadows, and our Streams,
May guard us better than from Carlifles Beams.

The Countess of Carlisle in Mourning.

Hen from black Clouds no part of Sky is
But just so much as lets the Sun appear;
Heaven then would seem thy Image, and reflect
Those Sable Vestments, and that Bright Aspect-

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A spark of Virtue by the deepest shade Of fad adverfity is fairer made; Nor less advantage doth thy Beauty get, A Venus rising from a Sea of Jet. Such was th' appearance of new for med Light, While yet it struggled with Eternal night. Then mourn no more; lest thou admit encrease Of Glory, by thy noble Lords Decease. We find not that the Laughter-loving Dame Mourn'd for Anchifes; 'twas enough the came To grace the Mortal with her deathless Bed, And that his living Eyes fuch Beauty fed: Had she been there, untimely joy through all Mens Hearts diffus'd, had mar'd the Funeral. Those eyes were made to banish grief: as well Bright Phabus might affect in shades to dwell, As they to put on forrow; nothing stands But power to grieve, except from thy commands.

If thou lament, thou must do so alone: Grief in thy presence, can lay hold on none. Yet still perfift the memory to love Of that great Mercury of our mighty fove. Who by the power of his enchanting tongue, Swords from the hands of threatning Monarchs War he prevented, or foon made it cease. (wrung. Instructing Princes in the Arts of Peace: Such as made Sheba's curious Queen refort To the large-hearted Hebrews Famous Court, Had Homer fat amongst his wondring guests, He might have learned at those stupenduous Feasts, With great Bounty, and more facred State The Banquets of the Gods to celebrate. But O! what Elocution might he use, What potent Charms that could fo foon infuse His absent Masters love into the Heart Of Henrietta, forcing her to part

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From her lov'd Brother, Country, and the Sun, And like Camillo o're the waves to run Into his arms; while the Parifian Dames Mourn for their Ravish't glory: at their slames No less amaz'd, than the amazed Stars, When the bold Charmer of Thessalian Wars With Heaven it self, and numbers does repeat Which call descending Cynthia from her Seat.

In answer to one who Writ against a fair Lady.

With Diomede, to wound the Queen of Thy Mistris's Envy, or thine own Despair?

Not the just Pallas in thy Breast did move So blind a Rage, with such a different Fate; He Honour won, where thou hast purchast Hate.

She gave affishance to his Trojan Foe;
Thou that without a Rival thou mayest love,
Dost to the beauty of this Lady owe,
While after her the Gazing world does move.

Canst thou not be content to Love alone,
Or is thy Mistress not content with one?
Hast thou not read of fairy Arthurs shield,
Which but disclos'd, amazed the weaker eyes?
Of proudest Foes, and won the doubtful Field?
So shall thy Rebel wit become her prize.

Should thy Iambicks fwell into a Book,
All were confuted with one Radiant look.
Heav'n he oblig'd that plac'd her in the skies,
Rewarding *Phabus*, for infpiring fo
His noble Brain, by likening to those Eyes
His joyful Beams: But *Phabus* is thy Foe,
And neither aids thy Fancy nor thy Sight;
So ill thou Rhim'st against so fair a Light.

On my Lady Dorothy Sidneys Picture.

CUch was Philoclea, fuch Mucidorus Flame; The matchless Sidney that immortal Frame Of perfect Beauty on two Pillars plac't, Not his high Fancy could one pattern grac't With fuch extreams of Excellence compose, Wonders fo distant in one Face disclose: Such cheerful Modesty, such humble State, Moves certain Love, but with a doubtful Fate: As when beyond our Greedy reach we fee, Inviting Fruit on too fublime a Tree. All the rich Flow'rs through his Arcadia found, Amaz'd we fee, in this one Garland bound. Had but this Copy, which the Artist took From the fair Picture of that noble Book,

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Stood at Calanders; the brave friends had jarr'd And Rivals made, th' ensuing story marr'd.

Just nature first instructed by his thought,
In his own House thus practiss'd what he taught.

This glorious piece transcends what he could think?

So much his Blood is nobler than his Ink.

To Vandike.

R Are Artifan! whose pensil moves
Not our Delights alone, but Loves:
From thy Shop of Beauty we,
Slaves return, that enter'd free.
The heedless Lover does not know
Whose Eyes they are that wound him so:
But consounded with thy Art,
Inquires her name that has his Heart.

Another

Another who did long refrain, Feels his Old wound bleed fresh again, With dear remembrance of that Face. Where now he reads new hopes of Grace: Nor Scorn, nor Cruelty does find; But gladly fuffers a false wind To blow the Ashes of Despair From the reviving Brand of care: Fool that forgets her stubborn look, This softness from thy finger took. Strange that thy Hand should not inspire The beauty only, but the fire: Not the form alone, and grace, But act and power of a Face. May'ft thou yet thy felf as well, As all the world besides, excel; So you th' unfeigned Truth rehearse; That I may make it Live in Verse

Why thou couldst not at one assay, That Face to after-times convey, Which this admires; was it thy wit To make her oft before thee fit? Confess, and we'll Forgive thee this; For who would not repeat that bliss, And frequent fight of fuch a Dame. Buy with the hazard of his Fame? Yet who can tax thy blameless skill, Though thy good hand had failed still? When Natures self so often errs: She for this many thousand years Seems to have practis'd with much care, To frame the Race of Women Fair; Yet never could a perfect Birth Produce before to grace the Earth, Which waxed old, e're it could fee Her that amaz'd thy Art and Thee.

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But now 'tis done, O let me know
Where those immortal Colours grow,
That could this deathless piece compose
In Lillies, or the Fading Rose?
No, for this Thest thou hast climb'd higher
Than did Prometheus for his Fire.

Of the Lady who can sleep when she pleases.

O wonder Sleep from careful Lovers flies
To bath himself in Sacharissa's eyes;
As fair Astrea once from Earth to Heaven
By Strife and loud Impiety was driven:
So with our Plaints offended and our Tears,
Wife Somnus to that Paradice repairs,
Waits on her will and wretches do's sorsake
To court the Nymph, for whom those wretches wake

More proud then Phabus of his Throne of Gold Is the foft God, those softer Limbs to hold; Nor would exchange with Jove, to hide the Skie In darkning Clouds, the power to close her eyes Eyes which fo far all other Lights controul, They warm our Mortal parts, but these our Soul Let her free Spirit, whose unconquer'd Breast Holds fuch deep quiet, and untroubled rest, Know, that though Venus and her Son should span Her Rebel Heart, and never teach her Care; Yer Hymen may inforce her vigils keep, And for anothers Joy suspend her Sleep.

Of the mis-report of her being Painted.

A swhen a fort of Wolves infest the night Pa With their wild howlings at fair Cynthia's light Wi

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The noise may chase sweet slumber from our eyes But never reach the Mistress of the Skies: So with the news of Sachariffa's wrongs, Her vexed fervants blame those envious tongues; Call Love to witness, that no painted Fire Can scorch Men so, or kindle such desire: While unconcerned the feems mov'd no more With this new Malice, than our Loves before; But from the height of her great Mind looks down On both our passions, without Smile or Frown: So little care of what is done below Hath the bright Dame, whom Heaven affected for Paints her, tis true, with the same hand web spreads Like Glorious Colours thro' the Flowry Meads;

When lavishNature with her best Attire
Cloaths the gay Spring, the season of desire;
t Paints her 'tis true, and does her cheek adorn
ght With the same Art wherewith she paints the Morn:

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With the same Art, wherewith she gildern so Those painted Clouds which form Thomassius bow.

Of her passing through a crowd of People. S in old Chaos Heaven with Earth confus'd, And Stars with Rocks, together crush'd and The Sun his light no further could extend (bruis'd: Than the next hill, which on his Shoulders lean'd; So in this throng bright Sachariffa far'd, Oppress'd by those who strove to be her Guard: As Ships though never fo obsequious, fall Foul in a Tempest on their Admiral. A greater Favour this disorder brought Unto her Servants, than their awful thought Durst entertain, when thus compell'd they prest The yielding Marble of her snowy Breast. While love infults, disguised in the Cloud, And welcome force of that unruly Croud.

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So the amorous Tree, while yet the Air is calm,
Just distance keeps from his desired Palm:
But when the Wind her ravish't Branches throws
Into his Arms, and mingles all their Boughs;
Though loath he seems her tender leaves to press
More loath he is that Friendly storm should cease,
From whose tude Bounty, he the double use
At once receives, of Pleasure and Excuse.

The Story of Phoebus and Daphne applied.

Thirlis a Youth of the infpired Train,
Fair Sachariffalov'd, but lov'd in vain:
Like Phabus fung the no less amorous Boy;
Like Daphne she as lovely and as Coy:
With numbers he the flying Nymph pursues,
With numbers such as Phabus self might use.
Such is the chase, when Love and Fancy leads,
O're craggy Mountains, and through floury Meads;

Invok'd to testisse the Lover's care,

Or form some Image of his cruel fair a

Urg'd with his fury like a wounded Deer,

O'er these he sted, and now approaching near,

Had reach't the Nymph with his harmonious lay,

Whom all his charms could not incline to stay;

Yet what he sung in his immortal strain,

Though unsuccessful, was not sung in vain.

All but the Nymph, that should redress his wrong

Attend his passion, and approve his Song,

Like Phabus thus, acquiring unsought praise,

He catcht at Love, and fill'd his Arms with Bays

Fabula Phæbi & Daphnes.

A Readia juvenis Thirsis, Phebique Sacerdos, Ingenti frustra Sacharissa ardebat amore: Haud Deus ipse olim Daphni majora canebat, Nec suit aspexior Daphne, nec pulchrior illa: Carminibus Phabo dignis premit ille fugacem
Per rupes, per saxa, volans per storida vates
Pascua; formosam nunc his componere Nympham,
Nunc illis crudelem insana mente solebat:
Audist illa procul miserum, eitheramque sonantem,
Audist, at nullis respexit mota querelis;
Ne tamen omnino caneret, desertus, ad alta
Sidera perculsi, reserunt nova carmina montes.
Sic non quasitis cumulatus laudibus olim
Elapsa reperet Daphni sua laurea Phabus.

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Of Mrs. Arden.

Behold, and listen, while the fair
Breaks in sweet sounds the willing air,
And with her own breath fans the Fire
Which her bright eyes do first inspire.
What reason can that Love controul,
Which more than one way courts the Soul?

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So when a flash of Lightning falls
On our Abodes, the danger calls
For humane Aid, which hopes the Flame
To Conquer, though from Heaven it came:
But if the Winds with that conspire;
Men strive not, but deplore the Fire.

To Amoret.

Air, that you may truly know What you unto Therfis owe; I will tell you how I do Sacharissa Love, and you.

Joy falutes me, when I fer My bleft Eyes on Amoret: But with wonder I am strook, When I on the other look. If sweet Amoret complains,
I have sense of all her pains;
But for Sacharissa I
Do not only Grieve, but Dic.

All that of my felf is mine,

Lovely Amoret, is thine;

Sachariffa's Captive fain

Would untie his Iron chain;

And those scorching Beams to shun,
To thy gentle shadow run.

If the soul had free Election
To dispose of her affection,
I would not thus long have born
Haughty Sacharissa's scorn:
But 'tis sure some power above,
Which controuls our Wills in Love,

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If not Love, a strong desire
To create and spread that Fire
In my Breast, solicites me
Beauteous Ameret, for thee.

'Tis Amazement, more than Love, Which her radiant eyes do move; If less splendor wait on thine, Yet they so benignly shine,

I would turn my dazled fight
To behold their milder light.
But as hard 'tis to destroy
That High Flame, as to enjoy:
Which, how easily I may do
Meaven (as easily scal'd) does know.

Amoret, as sweet and good
As the most delicious Food,

Which but tafted, does impart Life and gladness to the Heart: Sachariffa's beautie's Wine, Which to madness doth incline: Such a Liquor as no Brain That is Mortal, can fustain. Scarce can I to Heaven excuse The Devotion, which I use Unto that adored Dame: For itis not unlike the fame. Which I thither ought to fend: So that if it could take end: Twould to Heaven it felf be due To fucceed her, and not you, Who already have of me All that's not Idolatry; Which, though not so fierce a Flame, Is longer like to be the same.

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Then smile on me, and I will prove,
Wonder is shorter liv'd than Love,

CO we some antique Hero's strength Learn by his Launces weight and length; As these vast beams express the beast, Whose shady brows alive they drest: Such Game, while yet the world was new, The mighty Nimrod did purfue. What Huntsman of our feeble Race, Or Dogs, dare fuch a Monster chase? Resembling with each blow he strikes The charge of a whole Troop of Pikes. O fertile Head, which every year Could fuch a crop of wonder bear! The teeming earth did never bring So foon, fo hard, fo huge a thing;

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Which might it never have been cast,
Each years growth added to the last,
These losty Branches had supply'd
The Earths bold Son's prodigious Pride;
Heaven with these Engines had been scal'd,
When Mountains heap'd on Mountains fail'd.

To a Lady in the Garden.

Sees not my Love, how time refumes
The Glory which he lent these Flow'rs?
Though none should tast of their persumes,
Yet must they live but some sew hours;
Time, what we forbear, devours.

Had Hellen or the Egyptian Queen,
Been near so thrifty of their Graces;
Those Beauties must at length have been
The spoil of Age, which finds out faces
In the most retired places.

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A barren drought, or ceaseless Show'r
Upon the Autumn, or the Spring,
And spare us neither Fruit nor Flow'r;
Winter would not stay an hour.

Could the resolve of Loves neglect
Preserve you from the violation
Of coming years, then more respect
Were due to so Divine a fashion;
Nor would I indulge my passion.

The Misers Speech in a Masque.

Balls of this Metal slack'd Atlanta's pace,
And on the Amorous Youth bestow'd the Race:
Venus, the Nymphs mind measuring by her own,
Whom the rich spoils of Cities overthrown
Had prostrated to Mars, could well advise
Th'adventurous Lover how to gain the prize.

Nor less may Jupiter to Gold ascribe: For when he turn'd himself into a Bribe. Who can blame Danae, or the brazen Tow'r, That they with-stood not that Almighty show'r? Never till then, did Love make Fove put on A form more bright, and Nobler than his own: Nor were it just, would he resume that shape, That flack Devotion should his Thunder scape. Twas not Revenge for griev'd Apollo's wrong, Those Asses ears on Mida's Temples hung: But fond Repentance of his happy wish, Because his Meat grew Metal like his Dish. Would Bacchus bless me so; I'de constant hold Unto my wish, and dye Creating Gold.

On the Friendship betwixt two Ladies.

TEll me Lovely loving Pair,
Why fo kind, and fo fevere?
Why fo careless of our care,
Only to your selves so dear?

By this cunning change of hearts, You the power of Love controul; While the Boys deluded Darts, Can arrive at neither foul.

For in vain to either Breast Still beguiled Loves does come; Where he finds a forreign Guest, Neither of your Hearts at home.

Debters thus with like defign, When they never mean to pay;

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That they may the Law decline, To fome friend make all away.

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Not the filver Doves that flie, Yoakt in Citharea's Car; Not the wings that lift so high, And convey her Son so far,

Are so Lovely, Sweet, and Fair, Or do more ennoble Love, Are so choicely matcht a pair, Or with more consent do move.

Of her Chamber.

Hey taste of death that do at Heaven arrive;
But we this Paradise approach alive.
Instead of Death, the dart of Love des strike,
And renders all within these walls alike:

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The high in Titles, and the Shepheard here. Forgets his Greatness, and forgets his Fear: All stand amaz'd, and gazing on the Fair, Lose thought of what themselves, or others are; Ambition lofe, and have no other scope, Save Carlifle's Favour to implore their Hope. The Thracian could (tho' all those Tales were true The bold Greeks tell) no greater Wonders do; Before his Feet, so Sheep and Lions lay Fearless and Wrathless, while they heard him play: The Gay, the Wife, the Gallant, and the Grave, Subdu'd alike, all but one Passion have : No worthy mind, but finds in hers there is Something proportion'd to the rule of his. Whilst she with cheerful, but impartial Grace, Born for no one, but to delight the Race Of Men) Ime Phabus, fo divides here light, And warms us, that, she stoops not from her height

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Of Lowing at first Sight.

OT caring to observe the Wind,
Or the new Sea explore,
Snatch'd from my self, how far behind,
Already I behold the shoar!

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May not a Thousand Dangers sleep
In the smooth bosome of this deep?
No: 'Tis so Rockless and so Clear,
That the rich bottom does appear
Pav'd all with pretious things, not torn
From shipwrack'd Vessels, but there botn.

Sweetness, Truth, and every Grace, Which Time and Use are wont to teach, The eye may im a moment reach, And read distinctly in her Face.

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Some other Nymphs with Colours faint,
And penfil flow may Cupid paint,
And a weak heart in time deflroy,
She has a framp, and prints the Boy,
Can with a fingle look inflame
The coldest Breast, the rudest tame.

The Self Banished.

Than when before you lefs.

Than when before your feet I lay:
But to prevent the fad encrease
Of hopeless Love, I keep away.

In vain (alas!) for every thing
Which I have known belong to you,
Your form does to my Fancy bring,
And makes my old wounds bleed anew.

Who in the Spring from the New Sun,
Already has a Fever got,
Too late begins these shafts to shun,
Which Phabus through his veins has shot;

Too late he would the pain asswage,
And to thick shadows does retire;
About with him he bears the rage,
And in his tainted bloud the Fire.
But yow'd I have, and never must

Your banisht servant trouble you:

For if I break, you may mistrust

The yow I made to love you too.

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G O lovely Rose,

Tell her that wastes her time and me,

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That now the Spring from the work and won the When I refemble her to the god of sever good to be be be set of selections and fair the set of set of selections.

Tell her that's young,

And fluns to have her Graces fpyd,

That had'ft thou fprung

In Defarts, where no Men abide,

Thou must have uncommended dyed.

Small is the worth

Of Beauty from the light retir'd;

Bid I er come forth,

Suffer her felf to be defir'd,

And not blush so to be admir'd.

Then die, that she,

The common fate of all things rare,

May read in thee;

How finall a part of time they share, That are so wondrous sweet and fair.

Thirfis, Galatea.

Th. A S lately I on Silver Thames did ride, Sad Galatea on the Bank I spy'd:
Such was her look as forrow taught to shine;
And thus she grac'd me with a Voice Divine.

Gal. You that can tune your founding Strings fo Of Ladies Beauties, and of Love to tell; (well Once change your Note, and let your Lute report The justest grief that ever touch'd the Court.

Th. Fair Nymph, I have in your Delights no Nor ought to be concerned in your care:

Yet would I fing, if I your forrows knew,

And to my Aid invoke no Muse but you.

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Gal. Hearthen, and let your Song augment our Which is so great, as not to wish relief: She that had all which Nature gives or Chance. Whom Fortune joyn'd with Virtue to advance, To all the joys this Island could afford. The greatest Mistress, and the kindest Lord: Who with the Royal mixt her Noble blood, And in high Grace with Gloriana stood : Her Bounty, Sweetness, Beauty, Goodness, such, That none e'er thought her happiness too much: So well inclin'd her favours to confer, And kind to all, as Heaven had been to her. The Virgins part, the Mother, and the Wife, So well she acted in this span of life, That though few years (too few alas!) she told, She feem'd in all things, but in Beauty, old, As unripe Fruit, whose verdant stalks do cleave Close to the Tree, which grieves no less to leave ur ef,

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The smiling pendant which adorns her so,
And until Autumn, on the Bough should grow:
So seem'd her youthful soul not easily forc't,
Or from so fair, so sweet a seat divorc't.
Her sate at once did hasty seem and slow,
At once too cruel, and unwilling too.

Th. Under how hard a Law are Mortals born Whom now we envy, we anon must mourn: What Heaven sets highest, and seems most to prize Is soon removed from our wondring eyes. But since the Sisters did so soon untwine So fair a Thread, I'le strive to piece the line. Vouchsafe sad Nymph to let me know the Dame And to the Muses I'le commend her name, Make the wide Country eccho to your moan, The listning Trees and savage Mountains groan: What rocks not mov'd when the death is sung Of one so good, so lovely, and so young?

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Gal. Twas Hamilton, whom I had nam'd before T But naming her, Grief lets me say no more.

The Battel of the Surmice-Marids.

Cant. I.

What Fruits they have, and how Heaven smiles Upon those late discovered Isles.

A id me Bellene, while the dreadful Fight
Betwixt a Nation and two Whales I write:
Seas stain'd with goar, I sing, advent'rous toyl,
And how these Monsters did disarm an Isle.

Bermudes wall'd with Rocks, who does not know That happy Island, where huge Lemons grow, And Orange trees which Golden Fruit do bear, Th' Hesperian Garden boasts of none so fair? Where shining Pearl, Coral, and many a pound, On the Rich Shore, of Amber-greece is found: Tl Tl Fo

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on The lofty Gedar, which to Heaven aspires, The Prince of Trees, is fewel for their Fires: The smoak by which their loaded spits do turn, For incense might, on Sacred Altars burn: Their private Roofs on od'rous Timber born, Such as might Palaces for Kings adorn, The fweet Palmettas a new Bacchus yield, With leaves as ample as the broadest shield: Under the shadow of whose friendly Boughs They fit carowling, where their Liquor grows. 2: 1, Figs there unplanted through the Fields do grow, Such as fierce Cato did the Romans show, w. With the rare Fruit inviting them to spoil Cartbage the Mistrifs of so rich a foil The naked Rocks are not unfruitful there, r, But at some constant seasons every year, d, Their barren tops with lufcious Food abound, And with the eggs of various Fowls are crown'd The Tobacco

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Tobacco is the worst of things, which they To English Land-lords as their Tribute pay: Such is the Mould, that the Blest Tenant feeds On precious Fruits, and pays his Rent in Weeds: With candid Plantines, and the juicy Pine, On choicest Melons and sweet Grapes they dine And with Potatoes fat their wanton Swine. Nature these Cates with such a lavish hand Pours out among them, that our courser Land Tastes of that bounty, and does Cloth return, Which not for Warmth, but Ornament is worn: For the kind Spring which but falutes us here, Inhabits there, and courts them all the year: Ripe Fruits and bloffoms on the fame Trees live At once they promise, what at once they give: So sweet the Ait, so moderate the Clime; None fieldy lives, or dies before his time. Heaven sure has kept this spot of earth uncurst,

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To shew how all things were Created first. The tardy Plants in our cold Orchards plac'd, Reserve their Fruit for the next ages taste: There a small grain in some few Months will be A firm, a lofty, and a spacious Tree: The Palma Christi, and the fair Papah, Now but a feed (preventing Natures law) In half the Circle of the hafty year Project a shade, and lovely fruit do wear: And as their Trees in our dull Region fet But faintly grow, and no perfection get; So in this Northern Tract our hoarser Throats Utter unripe and ill constrained Notes: Where the Supporter of the Poets Style, Phabus, on them eternally does smile. O, how I long! my careless Limbs to lay Under the Plantanes shade, and all the day With am'rous Airs my Fancy entertain,

Invoke the Mules, and improve my vein!

No passion there in my free breast should move,
None but the sweet and best of passions, Love:
There while I sing, if gentle Love be by
That tunes my Lute, and winds the Strings so high
With the sweet sound of Sachariss's name,
I'll make the listning Savages grow tame.

But while I do these pleasing dreams indite,
I am diverted from the promis'd fight.

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Of their alarm, and how their Foes Discovered were, this Canto shows.

Though Rocks fo high about this Island rife That well they may th' num'rous Turk despite Yet is no humane fate exempt from fear, (hear Which shakes their hearts, while thro' the Isle they e.

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A lasting noise, as horrid and as foud As thunder makes, before it breaks the Cloud. Three days they dread this murmur, e're they know From what blind cause th' unwonted sound may At length Two Monfters of unequal fize, (grow: Hard by the shoar a Fisher-man espies : Two mighty Whales, which swelling Seas had toft, And left them prisoners on the rocky Coast: One as a Mountain vast, and with her came A Cub not much inferior to his Dame : Here in a Pool among the Rocks engag'd, They roar'd like Lions, caught in toyls, and rag'd: The man knew what they were, who heretofore Had seen the the like lie murdered on the shore, By the wild fury of forme Tempest cast The fate of ships and shipwrackt men to taste, As careless Dames whom Wine and Sleep betray To frantick dreams their Infants overlay:

So there sometimes the raging Ocean fails. And her own Brood exposes; when the Whales Against sharp Rocks like reeling Vessels quash'd. Though huge as Mountains, are in pieces dash'd; Along the shore their dreadful Limbs lie scatter'd, LikeHills withEarthquakes shaken, torn& shatter'd Hearts fure of Brass they had, who tempted first. RudeSeas that spare not what themselves have nurst The welcomNews through all the Nation spread, To fudden joy and hope converts their dread. What lately was their publick terror, they Behold with glad Eyes as a certain prey; Dispose already of the untaken spoil, And as the purchase of their future toil, These sharethe Bones, and they divide the Oyl; So was the Huntsman by the Bear opprest, Whose Hide he sold before he caught the Beast.

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They man their Boats, and all their young men With whatfoever may the Monsters harm; Pikes, Halberts, Spits, and Darts that wound fo far. The Tools of Peace, and Instruments of War: d, Now was the time for vigrous Lads to shew d. What love or honor could invite them too: A. A goodly Theatre where Rocks are round With reverend age, and lovely Lasses crown'd: ſŧ. d, Such was the Lake which held this dreadful pair Within the bounds of noble Warnicks share: Warwicks bold Earl, than which no title bears A greater found among our British Peers; And worthy he the memory to renew, The fate and honour to that title due; Whose brave adventures have transferr'd his name, And thro' the new world spread his growing fame, But how they fought, & what their valour gain'd, Shall in another Canto be contain'd.

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He Boat which on the first assault did go, Struck with a harping Iron the younger for Who when he felt his fide fo rudely goar'd, Loud as the Sea that nourish't him he roar'd. As a broad Bream to please some curious tast, While yet alive in boyling water cast, Vex't with unwonted heat, boyls, flings about The scorching brass, and hurls the liquor out: So with the barbed Javeling stung, he raves, And feourges with his tayl the fuffering waves: Like Spencer's Talus with his Iron flayl; He threatens ruin with his pond'rous tayl;

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Dissolving at one stroke the batter'd Boat,
And down the men fall drenched in the Moat.
With every fierce encounter they are forc't
To quit their Boats, and fare like men unhorst.

The bigger Whale like some huge Carrack lay Which wanteth Sea-room, with her foes to play, Slowly she swims, and when provok'd she wo'd Advance her tail, her head salutes the mud; The shallow water doth her force instringe, And renders vain her tails impetuous swinge. The shining steel her tender sides receive, And there like Bees they all their weapons leave

This fees the Cub, and does himself oppose
Betwixt his cumbred mother and her foes:
With desperate courage he receives her wounds,
And men and boats his active tayl confounds.
Their forces joyned, the Seas with billows fill,
And make a tempest, though the winds be still.

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Now would the men with half their hoped prey Be well content, and wish this Cub away: Their wish they have; he to direct his dam Unto the gap through which they hither came, Before her swims, and quits the hostile Lake, A pris'ner there, but for his mothers fake, She by the Rocks compell'd to stay behind, Is by the vaftness of her bulk confin'd. They shout for joy, and now on her alone Their fury falls, and all their Darts are thrown. Their Lances spent; and bolder than the rest With his broad fword provok'd the fluggish beast: Her oily fide devours both blade and heft. And there his Steel the bold Bermudian left. Courage the rest from his example take, And now they change the colour of the Lake: Blood flows in Rivers from her wounded fide, As if they would prevent the tardy tide,

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and raile the flood to that propitious height. As might convey her from this fatal streight. She fwims in blood, and blood do's spouting throw ToHeaven, that Heaven mens cruelties might know. Their fixed Javelins in her fide flie wears, And on her back a grove of Pikes appears: You would have thought, had you the monfter Thus dreft, the had another Island been. Roaring fhe tears the air with fuch a noise, (As well resembled the conspiring voice Of routed Armies, when the field is won) To reach the cars of her escaped son. He (though a league removed from the fo) Hastes to her aid; the pious Trojan so Neglecting for Crenfas life his own, Repeats the danger of the burning Town. The men amazed bluin to fee the feed Of monsters, human piety exceed :

Well proves this kindness what the Grecians sunt Bo That Loves bright mother from the ocean forum Their courage droops, and hopeless now they will G For composition with th' unconquer'd fish: So she their weapons would restore again, Thro' Rocks they'd hew her passage to the main. But how instructed in each others mind, Or what commerce can men with Monsters find Not daring to approach their wounded foe, Whom her couragious fon protected fo; They charge their Musquets, and with hot desire Of full revenge, renew the fight with fire: Standing aloof, with lead they bruife the scales, And tear the flesh of the incensed Whales. But no success their fierce endeavours found, Nor this way could they give one fatal wound. Now to their Fort they are about to fend For the loud Engines which their Isle defend.

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ang But what those pieces fram'd to batter walls Would have effected on those mighty Whales. ing will Great Neptune will not have us know, who fends A tyde so high, that it relieves his friends. And thus they parted with exchange of harms; Much blood the Monsters lost, and they their Arms'

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DEace, babling Muse, I dare not fing what you indite; Her eyes refuse To read the passion which they write; She strikes my Lute, but if it found, Threatens to hurl it on the ground: And I no less her anger dread, Than the poor wretch that feigns him dead, While some fierce Lion does embrace His breathless corps, and licks his face;

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Wrapt up in filent fear he lies, in hoth the life and Torn all in pieces if he cries. She synd than

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Nger in hafty words or blows, It felf discharges on our foes, And forrow too finds some relief. In tears which wait upon our grief: So every passion, but fond Love, and possible Unto its own redress does move; But that alone the wretch inclines To what prevents his own designs; 1991 Makes him lament, and figh, and weep, Disordred, tremble, fawn and creep; Postures which render him despis'd, Where he endeavours to be priz'd. For women, born to be controul'd, Stoop to the forward and the bold,

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Affect the haughty and the proud, The gay, the frolick, and the loud, in the loud Who first the gen'rous Steed opprest Not kneeling did falute the beaft; and state of But with high courage, life and force Approaching, tam'd th' unruly horse. Unwifely we the wifer East Pity, supposing them opprest With Tyrants force, whose law is will, By which they govern, spoyl and kill: Each Nymph but moderately fair, Commands with no less Rigor here.

Should some brave Turk, that walks among
His twenty Lasses bright and young,
And beckens to the willing Dame
Prefer'd to quench his present slame.
Behold as many Gallants here,
With modest guise, and silent scar.

All to one Female Idol bend,
Whil'st her high pride does scarce descend
To mark their follies, he would swear
That these her guard of Eunuchs were;
And that a more Majestique Queen,
Or humbler slaves he had not seen.

All this with indignation spoke,
In vain I struggled with the yoke
Of mighty love; that conquering look,
When next beheld, like lightning strook
My blasted soul, and made me bow
Lower than those I pitied now.

So the tall Stag upon the brink
Of some smooth stream about to drink,
Surveying there, his armed head,
With shame remembers that he fled
The scorned dogs, resolves to try
The combat next; but if their cry

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Invades again his trembling ear,
He straight resumes his wonted care,
Leaves the untasted Spring behind,
And wing'd with fear, out sies the wind.

To Phillis.

Diffillis, why should we delay Pleasures shorter than the day? Could we (which we never can) Stretch our lives beyond their span; Beauty like a shadow flies. And our youth before us dies; Or would youth and beauty stay, Love hath wings, and will away. Love hath fwifter wings than Time : Change in love to Heaven does climb; Gods that never change their flate. Vary oft their love and hate.

All the love betwixt us two:

Let not you and I require,

What has been our past defire;

On what Shepherds you have smil'd,

Or what Nymphs I have beguil'd;

Leave it to the Planets too,

What we shall hereafter do;

For the joys we now may prove,

Take advice of present love.

To Phillis.

Phillis, 'twas love that injur'd you,
And on that Rock your Thirfis threw,
Who for proud Calia could have dy'd,
Whilft you no less accus'd his pride.
Fond Love his darts at random throws,

And nothing springs from what he sows:

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From foes discharg'd as often meet.

The shining points of Arrows sleet,
In the wide Air creating fire,
As souls that joyn in one desire.

Love made the lovely Venus burn In vain, and for the cold youth mourn, Who the pursuit of churlish Beasts.

Prefer'd to sleeping on her Breasts.

Love makes so many hearts the prize,
Of the bright Carliles conquering eyes,
Which she regards no more than they,
The tears of lesser beauties weigh:
So have I seen the lost Clouds pour,
Into the Sea a useless shower,
And the vext Sailors curse the rain,
For which poor Shepherds pray'd in vain.
Then Phillis, since our passions are
Govern'd by chance, and not the care

But sport of Heaven, which takes delight
To look upon this Parthian flight
Of Love, still flying or in chase,
Never encount'ring face to face;
No more to love we'll sacrifice.
But to the best of Deities:
And let our hearts which love disjoyn'd,
By his kind Mother be combin'd.

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Hile I liften to thy voice,
(Chloris) I feel my life decay,
That powerful noise
Calls my flitting foul away.
Oh! suppress that Magick found,
Which destroys without a wound:

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Peace Chloris, peace, or finging die;
That together you and I,
To Heaven may go:
For all we know,
Of what the bleffed do above,
Is, that they fing, and that they love.

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STay Phæbus, stay,
The world to which you slie so fast,
Conveying day

From us to them, can pay your hast, With no such object, nor falute your rise With no such wonder, as de Mornay's eyes.

Well do's this prove,
The error of those antique books,
Which made you move,
About the world; her charming looks

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Would fix your beams, and make it ever day, Did not the rowling Earth Thatch her away.

To Amores.

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A Moret, the milky way, and continued fram'd of many nameless stars,

The smooth stream where none can say,

He this drop to that prefers;

Amoret, my levely foe,

Tell me where thy strength does lie;

Where the power that charms us so,

In thy Soul, or in thy eye?

By that snowy neck alone,
Or thy grace in motion seen,
No such wonders could be done:
Yet thy waste is streight and clean,

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As Cupids shaft, or Hermes rod, And powerful too, as either God.

To my Lord of Falkland.

Brave Holland leads, & with him Falkland goes:
Who hears this told, and does not straight
We send the Graces and the Muses forth,
To Civilize, and to Instruct the North?
Not that these Ornaments make swords less sharp,
Apollo bears as well his Bow as Harp;
And though he be the Patron of that Spring,
Where in calm peace the Sacred Virgins sing,
He courage had to guard th' invaded Throne
Of Jove, and cast th' ambitious Giants down.

Ah (noble Friend) with what impatience all. That know thy worth, and know how prodigal Of thy great Soul thou art, longing to twift Bays with that Ivy, which so early kist

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Thy youthful Temples, with what horror we Think on the blind events of War and thee? To Fate exposing that all-knowing breast, Among the throng as cheaply as the rest: Where Oaks and Brambies (if the Cops be burni Confounded lie to the same Ashes turn'd. Some happy wind over the Ocean blow

This Tempest yet, which frights our Island A Guarded with Ships, and all the Sea our own, From Heaven this mischief on our heads is throw.

In a late Dream the Genius of this Land, Amaz'd, I faw, like the fair Hebrew stand, When first the felt the Twins begin to jar, And found her womb the feat of Civil War: Inclin'd to whose relief, and with presage Of better fortune for the present age, Heav'n fends, quoth I, this discord for our god De To warm, perhaps, but not to waste our bloud Di

To raife our drooping spirits, grown the scorn Of our proud neighbours, who ere long shall mourn, (Though now they joy in our expected harms) We had occasion to resume our Arms.

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A Lion fo with felf-provoking fmart, His rebel tail scourging his Nobler part, Calls up his courage, then begins to roar, And charge his foes, who thought him mad before.

For Drinking of Healths.

Et Bruits and Vegetals, that cannot think, So far as drought and nature urges, drink: A more indulgent Mistriss guides our sprights, Reason, that dares beyond our appetites; She would our Care as well as Thirst redress. And with Divinity rewards excess: Deserted Ariadne thus supply'd, Did perjur'd Thefeus cruelty deride;

Baccubs

Bacchus imbrac'd, from her exalted thought Banish'd the man, her passion, and his fault. Bacchus and Phæbus are by Fove ally'd, And each by others timely heat supply'd: All that the Grapes owe to his ripening fires, Is paid in numbers which their juice inspires. Wine fills the Veins, and healths are underston Tl To give our friends a Title to our Blood: Who naming me, doth warm his courage fo. Shews for my fake what his bold hand would de His

On my Lady Isabella playing on the Lut CUch moving founds, from fuch a careless touc So un concern'd her felf, and we fo much! What art is this, that with fo little pains Transports us thus, and o'er our spirits reigns The trembling strings about her fingers crowd, Th And tell their Joy for every kifs aloud:

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Small force there needs to make them tremble fo,
Touch't by that hand who would not tremble too?
Here Loves takes stand, and while she charms the
Empties his quiver on the list'ning Deer;
Musick so softens and disarms the mind,
That not an Arrow does resistance find.
Thus the fair Tyrant celebrates the prize,
And acts her self the triumph of her eyes.
So Nero once, with Harp in hand survey'd
His staming Rome, and as it burnt he play'd.

To a Lady finging a Song of his Composing.

When you vouchfafe to breath my thought,
That like a spirit with this spell

Of my own teaching I am caught.

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That Eagles fate, and mine are one, Which on the shaft that made him die, Espy'd a feather of his own Wherewith he wont to soar so high.

Had eccho with so sweet a grace, Narcissus's loud complaints return'd, Not for reflection of his face, But of his voice the Boy had burn'd.

Of the Marriage of the Dwarfs.

But Nature did this Match contrive;

Ev: might as well have Adam fled,

As she deny'd her little Bed

To him, for whom Heaven seem'd to frame,

And measure out this only Dame.

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Thrice happy is that humble pair
Beneath the level of all care;
Over whose heads those Arrows flie
Of sad distrust and Jealousie;
Secured in as high extream,
As if the World held none but them.

To him the fairest Nymphs do show Like moving Mountains topt with show; And every Man a Polypheme Does to his Galatea seem; None may presume her Faith to prove, He profers Doath that profers Love.

Ah (Chloris) that kind nature thus from all the world had fever'd us, Creating for our felves us two,
As Love has me for only you,

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Love's farewel.

Reading the path to Nobler Ends, A long farewel to love I gave: Refolv'd my Country and my Friends All that remain'd of me should have: And this Resoive no mortal Bame. None but those eyes could have o'erthrown. The Nymph, I dare not, need not name, So high, fo like her felf alone. Thus the tall Oak which now afpires Above the fear of private Fires, Crown and design'd for nobler use, Not to make warm, but build the house, Though from our meaner flames feeure, Must that which falls from Heaven indure,

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From a Child.

Madam,

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S in some Climes the warmer Sun Makes it full Summer c're the Spring's begun, And with ripe fruit the bending boughs can load Before our Violets dare look abroad: So measure not by any common use, The early Love your brighter eyes produce. When lately your fair hand in womens weed, Wrap't my glad head, I wish't me so indeed, That hafty Time might never make me grow Out of those favours you afford me now; That I might ever such indulgence find. And you not blush, or think your self too kind, Who now I fear while I these joys express, Begin to think how you may make them less;

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The found of Love makes your foft heart afraid, And guard it felf, though but a Child invade, And innocently at your white breaft throw A Dart as white, a Ball of new fal'n fnow.

On a Girdle.

That which her slender wast confin'd,
Shall now my joyful Temples bind;
No Monarch but would give his Crown,
His Arms might do what this has done.

It was my Heaven's extreamest Sphear, The pale which held that lovely Dear; My Joy, my Grief, my Hope, my Love, Did all within this Circle move.

A narrow compass, and yet there Dwelt all that's good, and all that's fair:

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Give me but what this Riban bound, Take all the rest the Sun goes round.

The Apology of Sleep.

For not approaching the Lady, who can do any thing but sleep when she pleaseth.

Y charge it is those breaches to repair
Which nature takes from forrow, toil and
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On troubled minds; but naught can add to her,
Whom Heaven and her transcendant thoughts have
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Above those ills, which wretched Mortals taste.

Bright as the deathless Gods, and happy She-From all that may infringe delight, is free: Love at her Royal Feet his quiver lays, And not his Mother with more haste obeys.

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Such real pleasures, such true joys suspence, What Dream can I present to recompence? Should L with lightning fill her awful hand, And make the clouds feem all at her command: Or place her in Olympus top, a guest Among th' immortals, who with Nectar feaft: That power would feem, that entertainment short Of the true splendor of her present Court; Where all the joys and all the Glories are Of three great Kingdoms, fever'd from the care. I that of fumes end humid vapours made, Ascending do the feat of sense invade, No Cloud in so serene a Mansion find, To over-east her ever-shining mind, Which holds refemblance with those spotles Skies, Where flowing Nilus want of Rain Supplies; That Christal Heaven, where Phabus never shrouds His golden beams, nor wraps his Face in Clouds. But

But what so hard which numbers cannot sorce?
So stoops the Moon, and Rivers change their course:
The bold Meonian made me dare to steep
Joves dreadful Temples in the dew of sleep.
And since the Muses do invoke my power,
I shall no more decline that Sacred Bower,
Where Gloriana their great Mistress lies,
But gently taming those victorious Eyes,
Charm all her senses; till the joyful Sun
Without a Rival half his course has run:
Who while my hand that fairer light consines,
May boast himself the brightest thing that shines.

At Pens-burft.

Attend my passion, and forget to sear.
When to the Beeches I report my slame,
They bow their Heads as if they felt the same.

To Gods appealing, when I reach their bow'rs With loud complaints, they answer me in show'rs. To thee a wild and cruel Soul is given, More deaf than Trees, and prouder than the Heav'n, Loves Foe profest, why dost thou falsly feign Thy felf a Sidney? from which Noble strain He sprung, that could so far exalt the name Of Love, and warm our Nation with his Flame. That all we can of Love or high defire, Seems but the smoak of amorous Sydneys fire. Nor call her Mother, who fo well do's prove. One breast may hold both Chastity and Love. Never can she, that so exceeds the Spring n Joy and Bounty, be suppos'd to bring One so destructive: to no humane stock We owe this fierce unkindness, but the Rock, That cloven Rock produc'd thee, by whose side Nature to recompence the fatal pride

Of fuch stern Beauty, plac'd those healing springs, Which not more help, than that destruction brings. Thy heart no ruder than the rugged stone, I might like Orpheus with my numerous moan Melt to compassion; now my trait'rous song, With thee conspires to do the Singer wrong: While thus I suffer not my self to lose The memory of what augments my woes: But with my own breath still soment the Fire, Which stances as high as fancy can aspire.

This last complaint th' indulgent ears did pierce
Of just Apollo, President of Verse:
Highly concerned, that the Muse should bring
Damage to one whom he had taught to sing;
Thus he advis'd me, on you aged Tree,
Hang up thy Lute, and hye thee to the Sea,
That there with wonders thy diverted mind
Some truce at least may with this passion find.

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Ah cruel Nymph! from whom her humble Swain
Flies for relief unto the raging Main;
And from the Winds and Tempests does expect
A milder fate, than from her cold neglect:
Yet there he'll pray, that the unkind may prove
Blest in her choice; and vows this endless Love
Springs from no hope of what she can confer,
But from those gifts which Heaven has heap'd on her.

Another.

Ad Sacharissa liv'd when Mortals made
Choice of their Deities, this Sacred shade
Had held an Altar to her power, that gave
The Peace and Glory which these allays have:
Embroidered so with Flowers where she stood,
That it became a Garden of a Wood:
Her presence has such more than humane Grace,
That it can civilize the rudest place;

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And beauty too, and order can impart, Where nature ne'r intended it, nor Art. The Plants acknowledge this, and her admire No less than those of old, did Orpheus's Lire: If she sit down, with tops all towards her bow'd, They round about her into Arbors crowd; Or if she walk, in even ranks they stand, Like some well-Marshal'd and obsequious band. Amphion so made stones and timber leap Into fair Figures from a confus'd heap: And in the symmery of her parts is found A power, like that of harmony in found. Ye lofty Beeches, tell this matchless Dame, That if together ye fed all one Flame, It could not equalize the hundredth part Of what her eyes have kindled in my heart, Go Boy, and carve this passion on the Bark Of yonder Tree, which stands the facred mark

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Of noble Sidneys birth; when such benign,
Such more than mortal-making stars did shine;
That there they cannot but for ever prove
The monument and pledge of humble Love:
His humble Love, whose hope shall ne'r rise higher
Than for a pardon that he dares admire.

To my Lord of Leicester.

Oppressed with their timely load,

And seem to make their silent moan,

That their great Lord is now abroad:

They to delight his tast or eye,

Would spend themselves in fruit, and dye.

Not that thy harmless Deer repine, And think themselves unjustly slain By any other hand than thine, Whose Arrows they would gladly slain:

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No, nor thy friends which hold too dear That peace with *France*, which keeps thee there.

All these are less than that great cause,
Which now exacts your presence here,
Wherein there meet the divers Laws
Of publick and domestick care.
For one bright Nymph our youth contends,
And on your prudent choice depends.

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Not the bright shield of Thetis's Son,

For which such stern debate did rise,

That the Great Ajax Telamon

Refus'd to live without the Prize,

Those Achive Peers did more engage,

Than she the gallants of our age.

That beam of Beauty which begun To warm us fo when thou wert here,

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Now scorches like the raging Sun When Syrius does first appear.

O fix this Flame, and let despair Redeem the rest from endless care!

To a very young Lady.

W Hy came I fo untimely forth
Into a World, which wanting thee

Could entertain us with no worth Or shadow of felicity?

That time should me so far remove From that which I was born to love.

Yet fairest blossom, do not slight
That age which you may know so soon;
The Rosse Morn resigns her light,
And milder Glory to the Noon:
And then what wonders shall you do,
Whose dawning Beauty warms us so?

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Hope waits upon the flowry prime,
And Summer, though it be less gay,
Yet is not lookt on as a time
Of declination or decay.
For with a full hand that does bring
All that was promis'd by the Spring.

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Shadows to counterfeit that face?

Colours of this Glorious kind,

Come not from any mortal place.

In Heaven it self thou sure wer't drest
With that Angel-like disguise;
Thus deluded am I blest,
And see my joy with closed Eyes.

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But ah! this Image is too kind

To be other than a dream!

Cruel Sachariffa's Mind

Never put on that sweet extream.

Fair dream, if thou intend'st me grace, Change that Heavenly face of thine; Paint despis'd Love in thy face, And make it to appear like mine.

Pale, Wan, and Meagre let it look,
With a pity-moving fhape,
Such as wander by the Brook
Of Lethe, or from graves escape:

Then to that matchless Nymph appear,
In whose shape thou shinest so,
Softly in her sleeping car,
With humble words express my wo,

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Perhaps from Greatness, State, and Pride,
Thus surprised she may fall:
Sleep does disproportion hide,
And death resembling equals all.

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Behold the brand of Beauty toft;
See how the motion does dilate the Flame:
Delighted Love his spoils does boast,
And triumph in this game.
Fire to no place confin'd,
Is both our wonder and our fear,
Moving the mind,
As Lightning hurled through the Air.

High Heaven the Glory does encrease
Of all her shining lamps this artful way;

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The Sun in Figures such as these
Joys with the Moon to play.
To the sweet strains they advance,
Which do result from their own spheres;
As this Nymphs dance,
Moves with the numbers which she hears.

On the discovery of a Ladies Painting.

Pigmaleon's fate reverst is mine.
His marble Love took flesh and Bloud;
All that I worshipt as Divine,
That Beauty now 'tis understood,
Appears to have no more of life
Than that whereof he fram'd his Wife.

As Women yet who apprehend Some fudden cause of causeless fear,

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Although that seeming eause take end,
And they behold do danger near,
A shaking through their Limbs they find,
Like leaves saluted by the wind:

So though the Beauty do appear
No Beauty, which amaz'd me fo;
Yet from my breast I cannot tear
The passion which from thence did grow,
Nor yet out of my fancy rase
The print of that supposed face.

A real Beauty, though too near,
The fond Narcissus did admire;
I dote on that which is no where,
The fign of Beauty feeds my fire:
No mortal Flame was e're fo cruel
As this which thus survives the fuel.

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To a Lady from whom he received a Silver Pen.

Madam,

In Ink the shining point I dy'd,
And drench'd it in the sable wave:

When griev'd to be so foully stain'd,
On you it thus to me complain'd.

Suppose you had deserv'd to take
From her fair hand so fair a boon;
Yet how deserved I to make
So ill a change, who ever won
Immortal praise for what I wrought,
Instructed by her Noble thought?

I that expressed her commands

To mighty Lords and Princely Dames,
Always most welcome to their hands,
Proud that I would record their names,
Must now be taught an humble stile
Some meaner Beauty to beguile.

So I, the wronged Pen to please,
Make it my humble thanks express
Unto your Ladyship in these:
And now 'tis forced to confess,
That your great self did ne're indite,
Nor that to one more Noble write.

On a Brede of divers Colours, woven by four Ladies.

Wice Twenty flender Virgin fingers twine This curious Web, where all their fancies shine;

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As Nature Them, so they this shade have wrought Soft as their hands, and various as their thought. Not Juno's Bird, when his fair train dispread, He wooes the Female to his painted bed; No not the bow which so adorns the Skies, So glorious is, or boasts so many dies.

To my Lord of Northumberland upon the death of his Lady.

TO this great loss a Sea of Tears is due;
But the whole debt not to be paid by you:
Charge not your self with all, nor render vain
Those show'rs the eyes of us your servants rain.
Shall grief contract the largeness of that heart,
In which nor sear nor anger has a part?
Virtue would blush, if timeshould boast (which dries)
Her sole child dead, the tender Mothers eyes)

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Your minds relief, where reason triumphs so Over all passions, that they ne'r could grow Beyond their limits in your Noble Breast, To harm another, or impeach your rest. This we observ'd, delighting to obey One who did never from his great felf stray: Whose mild example seemed to engage Th' obsequious Seas, and teach them not ro rage The brave Emilius, his great charge laid down, (The force of Rome, and Fate of Macedon) In his loft fons did feel the cruel stroke Of changing fortune, and thus highly spoke Before Rome's people: we did oft implore That if the Heav'ns had any bad in store For your Emilius, they would pour that ill On his own house, and let you flourish still. You on the barren Seas (my Lord) have spent, Whole Springs and Summers, to the publick lent, Suspend

Suspended all the pleasures of your life, And shortned the short joy of such a wife: For which your Countrey's more obliged, then For many lives of old, lefs-happy men. You that have facrific'd fo great a part Of Youth and private blifs, ought to impart Your forrow too, and give your friends a right As well in your Affliction, as Delight: Then with Emilian courage bear this cross, Since publick persons only publick loss Ought to affect: and though her form and youth Her application to your Will and Truth, That noble Sweetness, and that humble State All fnatch'd away by fuch a hafty fate, Might give excuse to any common Breast, With the huge weight of so just grief opprest; Yet let no portion of your life be stain'd With passion, but your character maintain'd

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To the last Act; it is enough, her Stone
May honoured be with Superscription
Of the sole Lady, who had power to move
The Great Northumberland to grieve and love.

To my Lord Admiral of his late Sickness and Recovery.

Orpheus returning from th' Elizian shades,
Embrace the Hero, and his stay implore,
Make it their publick suit, he would no more
Desert them so, and for his Spouses sake,
His vanisht Love, tempt the Lethean Lake:
The Ladies too, the brightest of that time,
Ambitious all his losty bed to clime,
Their doubtful hopes with expectation feed,
Who shall the fair Euridice succeed:

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Euridice, for whom his num'rous moan Makes liftning Trees, and falvage Mountains groan. Through all the Air his founding strings dilate Sorrow, like that which toucht our hearts of late. Your pining fickness, and your restless pain, At once the Land affecting, and the Main: When the glad news that you were Admiral, Scarce through the Nation spread, twas fear'd by a That our Great Charles whose wisdom shines in you Would be perplexed how to chuse a new. So more than private was the joy and grief, That at the worst, it gave our fouls relief: That in our age such sense of virtue liv'd, They joy'd so justly, and so justly griev'd. Nature, (her fairest lights eclipsed,) seems Her felf to suffer in those sharp extremes: While not from thine alone thy blood retires, But from those cheeks which all the World admires.

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The stemm thus threatned, and the sap in thee,
Droop all the branches of that noble Tree:
Their Beauty they, and we our Loves suspend,
Nought can our wishes, save thy health intend:
As Lillies over charg'd with Rain they bend
Their beauteous heads, and with high Heaven confold thee within their snowy Army and cry
He is too sautless and too young to die:
So like immortals round about thee they
Sit, that they fright approaching death away:
Who would not languish by so fair a train,
To be lamented and restor'd again?

Or thus with-held, what hafty foul would go Though to be bleft? o'er her Adonis fo Fair Venus mourn'd, and with the precious showr Of her warm tears cherisht the springing Flow'r.

The next support fair hope of your great name, And second pillar of that Noble frame, By loss of thee would horadvantage have, But step by step purshed thee worth grave.

And now releaters fitte, about to end
The line which backward does to far extend,
Th' antick frock at which still World supplies
With bravel Spirits, and with brightest Eyes,
Kind Phaebas interpoling, bid me say
Such storms no more shall shake that house, but they
Like Neprone; and his Sea born Neece, shall be
The shining Glories of the Land and Sea:
With Courage guard, and Beauty warm our age
And Lovers fill, with like Poetick rage.

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A H lovely Amoret, the care

Of all that know what's good or fair,
Is Heaven become our Rival too?

Had the rich gifts conferr'd on you,

So ample thence the common end Of giving Lovers, to pretend.

Hence to this pining fickness (meant To weary thee to a consent Of leaving us) no power is given, Thy Beauties to impair; for Heaven Sollicites thee with such a care, As Roses from their stalks we tear, When we would still preserve them new. And fresh as on the bush they grew.

With fuch a Grace you entertain,
And look with fuch contempt on pain,
That languishing you conquer more,
And wound us deeper than before.
So lightnings which in storms appear,
Scorch more than when the Skies are clear.
And as pale sickness does invade
Your frailer part, the breaches made

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In that fair Lodging, still more clear.

Make the bright guest your soul, appear.

So Nymphs o're pathless Mountains born,

There light Robes by the Brambles torn.

From their fair Limbs, exposing new

And unknown Beauties to the view

Of following gods, increase their flame,

And haste to catch the flying Game.

Of the Queen.

Her humble Nest, lies silent in the Field;
But if the promise of a cloudless day,

Aurora smiling, bids her rise and play,

Then straight she shews, twas not for want of voice

Or power to climb, she made so low a choice:

Singing she mounts, her airy wings are stretcht

Towards Heaven, as if from Heaven her note she (fetcht

So we retiring from the busic throng,
Use to restrain th' ambition of our Song;
But since the light which now informs our age
Breaks from the Court indulgent to her rage,
Thither my Muse, like bold Prometheus, slies
To light her Torch at Gloriana's eyes.

Those Sovereign beams, which heal the wonnded And all our cares but once beheld controul; foul There the poor Lover that has long endur'd Some proud Nymphs scorn, of his fond passion cur'd Fares like the man who sirst upon the ground A glow worm spy'd, supposing he had sound A moving Diamond, a breathing Stone (For life it had, and like those jewels shone;) He held it dear, till by the springing day Inform'd, he threw the worthless worm away.

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She faves the Lover as we Gangrenes flay.

By cutting hope, like a lopt Limb, away:

This makes her bleeding Patients to accuse.

High Heaven, and these expostulations use:

Could Nature then no private Woman grace

(Whom we might dare to love) with such a face,

Such a complexion, and so radiant eyes

Such lovely motion, and such sharp replies?

Beyond our reach, and yet within our fight,

What envious power has plac'd this glorious light?

Thus in a Starry night fond Children cry
For the rich spangles that adorn the Sky;
Which though they shine for ever fixed there,
With light and influence relieve us here.
All her affections are to one enclin'd,
Her bounty and compassion to Mankind:
To whom while she so far extends her grace,
She makes but good the promise of her face:

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For Mercy has (could Mercies felf be feen)

No fweeter look than this propitious Queen;

Such guard and comfort the diffressed find

From her large power, and from her larger mind'

That whom ill fate would ruine, it prefers,

For all the Miserable are made hers.

So the fair Tree whereon the Eagle Builds, Poor Sheep from tempests, & their Shepherds shields. The Royal Bird possesses all the bows, But shade and shelter to the Flock allows.

Joy of our age, and fafety of the next,

For which to off thy fertile Womb is vext:

Nobly contented, for the publick good

To waste thy spirits, and dissule thy blood:

What vast hopes may these Islands entertain,

Where Monarchs thus descended are to reign?

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Led by Commanders of so fair a Line, Our Seas no longer shall our power confine.

A brave Romance who would exactly frame,
First brings his Knight from some immortal Dame:
And then a weapon, and a staming shield,
Bright as his mothers eyes, he makes him yield.
None might the mother of Achilles be,
But the fair Pearl, and glory of the Sea;
The man to whom great Maro gives such same
From the high bed of heavenly Venus came;
And our next Charles, (whom all the stars design
Like wonders to accomplish) springs from thine.

Upon the Death of my Lady Rich.

Ay those already curst Essexian plains, Where hastly death and pining sickness reigns. Prove all a Desart, and none there make stay, But savage Beast, or men as wilde as they.

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Three the fair light which all our Island grac'd, Like Hero's Taper in the window plac'd, Such fate from the malignant air did find, As that exposed to the boisterous wind.

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Ah cruel Heaven! to fnatch fo foon away Her, for whose life had we had time to pray, (fought With thousand vows and tears we should have That fad decrees suspension to have wrought. But we (alas) no whisper of her pain Heard, till 'twas fin to wish her here again. That horrid word at once like Lightning spread' Strook all our ears, The Lady Rich is dead. Heart rending news, and dreadful to those few Who her resemble, and her steps persue. That death should license have to rage among The fair, the wife, the vertuous, and the young; The Paphian Queen from that fierce battle born, With goared hand and veil fo rudely torn,

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Like terror did among th' immortals breed, Taught by her wound that Godd effes may bleed All stand amaz'd, but beyond the rest Th' heroique Dame whose happy womb she blest, Mov'd with just grief expostulates with Heaven, Urging the promife to the obsequious given, Of longer life; for nee'r was pious Soul More apt t'obey, more worthy to controul. A skilful Eye at once might read the Race Of Caledonian Monarchs in her Face, And fweet Humility; her look and mind, At once were lofty, and at once were kind. There dwelt the scorn of Vice, and pity too, For those that did what she disdain'd to do: So gentle and fevere, that what was bad At once her hatred and her pardon had. Gracious to all, but where her Love was due, So Fast, so Faithful, Loyal, and so True,

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That a bold hand, as from might hope to force
Therouling lights of Heaven, as change her course.

Some happy Angels: that beholds her there,
Instruct us to redord what she was here:
And when this cloud of forrow's over-blown,
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Through the wide world we'l make her graces
So fresh the wound is, and the grief so vast,
That all our Art and Power of speech is waste:
Here passion sways; but there the Muse shall raise
Eternal Monuments of louder praise.

There our delight complying with her fame,
Shall have occasion to recite thy name,
Fair Sacharissa, and now only fair:
To facred friendship we'l an Altar rear,
Such as the Romans did creet of old,
Whereon a marble Pillar shall be told
The lovely passion each to other bare,
With the resemblance of that matchless pair,
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Narcissus to the thing for which he pin'd,
Was not more like, than yours to her fair mind:
Save that you grac'd the several parts of life,
A spotless Virgin, and a faultless Wife:
Such was the sweet converse 'twixt her and you,
As that she holds with her associates now.

How false is hope, and how regardless fate,
That such a love should have so short a date!
Lately I saw her sighing, part from thee
(Alas that such the last farewell should be!
So look't Astraa, her remove design'd,
On those distressed friends she lest behind:
Consent in Virtue knit your hearts so fast,
That still the knot, in spight of death does last
For as your tears and sorrow-wounded soul
Prove well that on your part this bond is whole:
So all we know of what they do above,
Is, that they happy are, and that they love.

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Let dark oblivion and the hollow grave
Content themselves our frailer thoughts to have:
Well chosen Love is never taught to die,
But with our nobler part invades the Skie:
Then grieve no more, that one so Heavenly shap'd
The crooked hand of trembling age escap'd;
Rather since we beheld her not decay,
But that she vanish'd so entire away:
Her wondrous beauty and her goodness merit,
We should suppose that some propitious spirit,
In that celestial form frequented here,
And is not dead, but ceases to appear.

To the Queen-Mother of France upon her Landing.

Reat Queen of Europe, where thy off-fpring (heirs'
All the chief Crowns, where Princes are thy
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As welcome thou to Sea-girt Britain's Thore, As efft Latona (who fair Cinthia bore) To Delos was. Here flines a Nymph as bright, By thee disclosid, with like encrease of light. Why was her Joy in Belgin confin'd? Or why did you so much regard the wind? Scarce could the Ocean (though inrag'd) have tol Thy Sovereign Bark, but whereth'obsequious coal Pays tribute to thy Bed: Rame's conquering hand More vanquish'd Nations under her command Never reduc'd; glad Berecinthia, fo Among her deathless Progeny did go; A wreath of Flow'rs adorn'd her rev'rend Head, Mother of all that on Ambrofia fed: Thy godlike race must sway the age to come, As the Olympus, peopled with her womb. Would those Commanders of Mankind obey Their honor'd Parent, all pretences lay

Down at your Royal Feet, compose their jarrs, And on the growing Turk discharge these Wars: The Christian Knights that sacred Tomb should From Pagan hands, and Triumph o'er the East; Our Englands Prince and Gallia's Dolphin might Like young Rinaldo, and Tancredo fight In fingle combate; by their fword again The proud Argantes and fierce Soldan flain; Again, might we their valiant deeds recite, And with your Thuscan Muse exalt the fight.

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To the mutable Fair.

Ere, Calia, for thy fake I part With all that grew fo near my heart; The passion that I had for thee, The Faith, the Love, the Constancy, And that I may fuccessful prove Transform my felf to what you love.

Fool that I was so much to prize me Those simple virtues you despise, Fool that with fuch dull Arrows strove, Or hop'd to reach a flying Dove; For you that are in motion still Decline our force, and mock our skill. Who like Don Quixot do advance. Against a Wind-mill our vain Launce. Now will I wander through the Air, Mount, make a stoop at every fair, And with a fancy unconfin'd (As lawless as the Sea or Wind) Pursue you wheresoe'r you fly, And with your various thoughts comply. The formal Stars do travel fo.

The formal Stars do travel so,

As we their names and courses know,

And he that on their changes looks,

Would think them govern'd by our Books,

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But never were the clouds reduc'd To any Art the motion us'd By those free vapours are so light, So frequent, that the conquer'd fight Despairs to find the rules that guide Those gilded shadows as they slide. And therefore of the fpacious Air Joves royal confort had the care: And by that power did once escape, Declining bold Ixions rape; She with her own resemblance grac'd A shining cloud which he embrac'd. Such was dist Image, fo it smil'd

Such was that Image, so it similed With seeming kindness which beguiled Your Thirsis lately when he thought He had his sleeting Celia caught. 'Twas shap'd like her, but for the fair He sil'd his Arms with yielding Air:

A fate for which he grieves the less, Because the gods had like success.

For in their story one (we see)

Pursues a Nymph, and takes a Tree:

A second with a Lovers haste

Soon overtakes whom he had chac'd;

But she that did a Virgin seem,

Possest appears a wandring stream:

For his supposed love a third

Lays greedy hold upon a bird;

And stands amaz'd to find his dear,

A wild Inhabitant of the air.

To these old tales such Nymphs as you Give credit, and still make them new, The Am'rous now like wonders find, In the swift changes of your mind.

But Calia if you apprehend

The Muse of your incensed friend;

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Nor would that he record your blame,
And make it live, repeat the fame,
Again deceive him, and again,
And then he fwears he'll not complain.
For still to be deluded fo,
Is all the pleasure Lovers know,
Who, (like good Faulkners) take delight,
Not in the quarry, but the flight.

Of Salley.

OF Jason, Thesens, and such worthies old,
Light seem the tales Antiquity has told.
Such beasts and monsters as their force opprest
Some places only, and some times infest;
Salley that scorn'd all power and laws of Men,
Goods with their owners hurrying to their den,
And suture ages threat'ning with a rude
And savage race successively renew'd,

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Their King despising with rebellious phide,
And soes profest to all the World beside,
This pest of Mankind gives our Hera same,
And through th' obliged world dilates his name

The Prophet once to crite date faich As thy fierce fword has mothers childless made, So shall the fword make thine; and with that word He hew'd the man in pieces with his fword: Just Charles like measure has returned to these. Whose Pagan hands had stand the troubled Seas With Ships they made the spoiled Merchant month With Ships their City and themselves are round One Squadron of our winged Castles sent O'r-threw their Fort, and all their Navy rent: For not content the dangers to encrease, And act the part of tempests in the Seas, Like hungry Wolves these Pirats from our shore Whole flocks of theep, and ravish's Cartel bores

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Safely they might on other Nations prey,

Fools to provoke the Soveraign of the Sea:

Mad Cacus fo whom like ill fate perfwades

The herd of fair Alemena's feed invades;

Who for revenge, and mortals glad relief,

Sack'd the dark cave, and crush'd that horrid Thief,

Morocco's Monarch wondring at this fact,

Save that his presence his affairs exact,

Save that his presence his affairs exact,
Had come in person to have seen and known
The injur'd worlds revenger, and his own.
Hither he sends the chief among his Peers,
Who in his Bark proportion'd Presents bears
To the renown'd for piety and sorce,
Poor captives manumiz'd and matchles horse.

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You Gods that have the power,
To trouble, and compose

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All that's beneath your power, Calm filence on the Seas, on Earth impose.

Fair Venus in thy foft arms,

The God of rage confine,

For thy whifpers are the charms

Which only can divert his fierce defign.

What though he frown, and to tumult do incline
Thou the flame,

Kindled in his breast can'st tame,
With that snow which unmelted lies on thine?

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Great Goddess give this thy sacred Island rest,

Make Heaven smile,

That no storm disturb us, while

Thy chief care our Haleyon builds her nest.

Great Gloriana, fair Gloriana,

Bright as high Heaven is, and fertile as Earth,

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Whose beauty relieves us,
Whose Royal Bed gives us
Both glory and peace.
Our present joy, and all our hopes increase.

Of a Lady who writ in praise of Mira.

(known Hile she pretends to make the Graces Of matchless Mira, she reveals her own.)

And when she would anothers praise indite,

Is by her Glass instructed how to write.

To one married to an old Man.

(ill charms, Ince thou would'st needs, bewitcht with some Be buried in those monumental arms:

All we can wish, is, may that earth lie light
Upon thy tender limbs, and so good night,

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To Flavia Song.

Is not your beauty can ingage My wary heart:

The Sun in all his pride and rage,

Has not that Art;

And yet he fhines as bright as you, If brightness could our fouls subdue,

'Tis not the pretty things you fay,

Nor those you write,

Which can make Thirfis heart your prey:

For that delight,

The graces of a well-taught mind, In some of our own sex we find.

No Flavia, 'tis your love I fear,

Loves furest darts,

Those which so feldom fail him are

Headed with hearts;

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Their very shadows makes us yield; and win the field.

The Fall.

Ec how the willing earth gave way To take th' impression where she lay. See how the mould as loath to leave So sweet a burden, still doth cleave. Close to the Nymphs stain'd garment; here The coming Spring would first appear, And all this place with Roses strow, If busie feet would let them grow: Here Venus smil'd to see blind Chance It felf, before her fon advance, And a fair Image to present Of what the Boy fo long had meant: Twas fuch a chance as this made all The World into this order fall:

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Of which they were composed lay;
So in their prime with equal grace
Met the first patterns of our race:
Then blush not (fair) or on him frown,
Or wonder how you both came down;
But touch him, and he'll tremble strait,
How could he then support your weight?
How could the Youth alas, but bend
When his whole Heaven upon him lean'd?
If ought by him amis were done,
'Twas that he let you rise so soon.

Of Silvia.

Ur fighs are heard, just Heav'n declares
The sense it has of lovers cares:
She that so far the rest out-shin'd,
Silvia the fair whiles she was kind;

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As if her frowns impair'd her brow, Seems only not unhandsome now:

> So when the Sky makes us endure A florm, it self becomes obscure.

Hence 'tis that I conceal my flame,
Hiding from Flavia's felf her name:
Left she provoking Heaven should prove
How it rewards neglected love.
Better a thousand such as I
Their grief untold should pine and die;

Then her bright morning over-cast
With sullen clouds should be defac't.

The Budd.

Ately on yonder swelling bush,
Big with many a coming Rose,
This early Bud began to blush,
And did but half it self disclose;

I pluck't it, though no better grown, And now you see how full 'tis blown.

Still as I did the leaves inspire,
With such a purple light they shone
As if they had been made of fire,
And spreading so, would flame anon:
All that was meant, by Air or Sun
To the young flower, my breath has done.

If our loose breath so much can do,
What may the same inform's of love,
Of purest love and musick too
When Flavia it aspires to move:

When that, which life-less buds perswades To wax more fost, her youth invades.

Upon Ben. Johnson.

Irror of Poets, mirror of our age! Which her whole face beholding on thy ftage Pleas'd and displeas'd with her own faults, indures A remedy like those whom musick cures: Thou haft alone those various inclinations Which Nature gives to Ages, Sexes, Nations: So traced with thy All-resembling Pen That what er'e custom has impos'd on men; Or ill got habit, which deforms them fo, That fearce a Brother can his Brother know, Is represented to the wondring eyes Of all that see or read thy Comedies: Who ever in those Glasses looks, may find The spots return'd, or graces of his mind s. LaA And by the help of fo divine an Art At leasure view and dress his Nobler part.

Narciffus couzen'd by that flatt'ring Well. Which nothing could but of his beauty tell, Had here discovering the deform'd estate Of his fond mind, preserv'd him self with hate; But Vertue too, as well as Vice, is clad In flesh and Blood so well, that Plato had Beheld what his high fancy once embrac't Vertue with colours, speech, and motion grac't: The fundry postures of thy copious Muse Who would express, a thousand Tongues must use; Whose fate's no less peculiar than thy Art, For as thou could'st all characters impart: So none could render thine, who still escapes Like Proteus in variety of shapes, Who was, northis, nor that, but all, we find, And all we can imagine in mankind.

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To Mr. George Sands, on his translation of some parts of the Bible.

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Ow bold a work attempts that Pen,
Which would inrich our vulgar tongue
With the high raptures of those men,
Who here with the same spirit sung,
Wherewith they now assist the Quire
Of Angels, who their Songs admire?

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What ever these inspired Souls

Were urged to express did shake,

The aged deep, and both the Poles;

Their num'rous Thunder could awake

Dull Earth, which does with Heaven consent

To all rhey wrote, and all they meant.

Say (Sacred Bard) what could bestow Courage on thee, to soar so high? Tell me (brave Friend) what help'd thee fo

To light this Torch, thou hast climb'd higher Than he who stole Celestial fire.

Chloris and Hilas. Made to a Sarabran.

Chl. Hilas, & Hilas, why fit we mute,
Now that each Bird faluteth the Spring?
Wind up the flackn'd strings of thy Lute,
Never canst thou want matter to sing:
For love thy Brest does fill with such a fire,

That whatfo'er is fair, moves thy defire.

Of various flowers the Bees do compose,
Yet no particular taste it brings
Of Violet, Woodbind, Pink or Rose:
So love the result is of all the graces
Which flow from a thousand several saces.

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Chl. Hilas, the Birds which chant in this Grove, Could we but know the Language they use, They would instruct us better in Love, And reprehend thy inconstant Muse:

For Love their Breasts does fill with such a fire, That what they once do chuse, bounds their desire.

Which the warm Season hither does bring;
Which the warm Season hither does bring;
Time from your self does further remove
You, than the Winter from the gay Spring:
She that like lightning shin'd while her face lasted.
The Oak now resembles with lightning hath (blasted

Under a Ladies Picture.

Such Hellen was, and who can blame the Boy.

That in fo bright a Flame confum'd his Troy.

But had like Virtue shin'd in that fair Greek. The am'rous Shepherd had not dar'd to feek, Or hope for Pity, but with filent moan, And better Fate had perished alone.

In answer of Sir John Suckling's Verses.

Tay here fond Youth and ask no more be wife, Knowing too much, long fince loft Paradik

And by your knowledge we should be bereft Of all that Paradife which yet is left.

(ftil The vertuous joys thou hast, thou woul'st, should Last in their pride, and woul'st not take it ill If rudely from sweet dreams, and for a toy Thou awak'r, he wakes himself that does enjoy.

How can the joy or hope which you allow Be stiled vertuous, and the end not so?

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Talk in your sleep, and shadows still admire. Tis true, he wakes that feels this real fire, But to sleep better; for who e're drinks deep Of this Nepenthe, rocks himself asleep.

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Fruition adds no new wealth, but destroys,
And while it pleaseth much, yet still it cloys.
Who thinks he should be happier made for that
As reasonably might hope he might grow fat
By eating to a Surfeit, this once past,
What relishes? even kisses lose their taste.

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Bleffings may be repeated, while they cloy,
But shall we starve, cause Surfeitings destroy?
And if fruition did the taste impair
Of kisses, why should yonder happy pair,
Whose joys, just Himen warrants all the night,
Consume the day too in this less delight?

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The homliest thing that Mankind does, is so.

The world is of a large extent we see,

And must be peopled, Children there must be,

So must Bread too; but since there are enough

Born to that drudgery, what need we plough:

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Urge not 'tis necessary; alas! we know

I need not plough, fince what the stooping Hinds
Gets of my pregnant Land. must all be mine:
But in this nobler Tillage 'tis not so;
For when Anchises did fair Venus know,
What Interest had poor Vulcan in the Boy,
Famous Æneas, or the present joy?

Pro.

Women enjoy'd, whate'retofore they have been, Ase like Romances read, or Scenes once feen: Fruition dulls, or spoils the Play much more Than if one read, or knew the Plot before.

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Plays and Romances read, and feen, do fall
In our opinions, yet not feen at all
Whom would they please? to an Heroick ta'e.
Would you not listen, lest it should grow state?

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Tis expectation makes a bleffing dear,
Heaven were not Heaven, if we knew what it were.

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If twere not Heaven, if we knew what it were,
Twould not be Heaven to those that now are there.

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As in Prospects we are there pleased most,
Where something keeps the eye from being lost,
And leaves us room to guess; so here restraint,
Holds up delight, that with excess would faint.

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Restraint preserves the pleasure we have got, But he ne'r has it, that enjoys it not.

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In goodly prospects who contracts the space,

Or takes not all the bounty of the place?

We wish remov'd what standeth in our light

And nature blame for limiting our sight,

Where you stand wisely winking that the view

Of the fair prospect may be always new.

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They who know allithe wealth they have, are poor

He's only rich that cannot tell his store.

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Not he that knows the wealth he has, is poor,

Not he that knows the wealth he has, is poor, But he that dares not touch, nor use his store.

To a Friend of the different success of their Loves.

Hrice happy pair of whom we cannot know Which first began to love, or loves most now Fair course of passion where two Louers start, And run together, heart still yoakt with heart:

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Successful Youth, whom Love has taught the way To be victorious in the first Eslay. Sure Love's an Art best practised at first, And where th'experienc'd still prosper worst; I with a different Fate pursu'd in vain The haughty Calia, till my just disdain Of her neglect, above that passion born, Did pride to pride oppose, and scorn to scorn, Now she relents, but all too late to move Aheart directed to a Nobler love: The scales are turn'd, her kindness weighs no more, Now, than my vows and service did before: So in some well wrought hangings you may see How Hector leads, and how the Grecians flee; Here the fierce Mans his courage so inspires, That with bold hands the Argive Fleet he fires. But there from Heaven the blew ey'd Virgin falls And frighted Troy retires within her Walls.

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They that are foremost in that bloody Race
Turn head anon, and give the Conqu'rors chace;
So like the chances are of Love and War,
That they alone in this distinguish'd are:
In love the victors from the vanquish'd slie,
They slie that wound, and they pursue that die

An Apology for having loved before.

They that never had the use

Of the Grapes surprizing juyce;

To the first delicious cup,

All their Reason render up:

Neither do not care to know,

Whether it be best or no.

So they that are to love inclin'd;

Sway'd by Chance, not Choice or Art,

To the first that's fair or kind,

Make a present of their heart:

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Tis not she that first we love, But whom dying weapprove.

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To Man that was i'th' evening made, Stars gave the first delight; Admiring in the gloomy shade, Those little drops of light.

Then at Aurora, whose fair hand Remov'd them from the Skies. He gazing toward the East did stand, She entertain'd his Eyes,

But when the bright Sun did appear, All those he can despise, His wonder was determin'd there. And could no higher rife;

He neither might, nor wisht to know A more refulgent light;

For that (asmine your beauties now)
Imploy'd his utmost fight.

To Zelinda.

Airest piece of well form'd Earth, Urge not thus your haughty birth: The power which you have o're us lies Not in your Race, but in your Eyes: None but a Prince! alas that voice Confines you-to a narrow choice! Should you no Honey vow to taste, But what the Master-Bees have plac't In compass of their Cells, how small A portion to your share would fall? Nor all appear among those few, Worthy the stock from whence they grew: The sap which at the Root is bred In Trees, through all the Boughs is spred; But Vertues which in Parents shine, Make not like progress through the Line, Tis not from whom, but where we live; The place does oft those graces give Great Julius on the Mountains bred, A Flock perhaps, or Herd, had led, He that the world subdu'd, had been But the best wrestler on the Green: Tis Art and Knowledge which draw forth The hidden Seeds of Native worth: They blow those sparks, and make them rise Into fuch flames as touch the Skies. To the old Heroes hence was given A Pedigree which reach't to Heaven: Of mortal feed they were not held. Which other mortals fo excell'd; And beauty too in fuch excess As yours, Zelinda claims no less.

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Smile but on me, and you shall scorn
Henceforth to be of Princes born.
I can describe the shady Grove
Where your lov'd Mother slept with Jove,
And yet excuse the faultless Dame,
Caught with her Spouses shape and name;
Thy matchless form will credit bring
To all the wonders I shall sing.

On Mr. John Fletcher's Plays.

All our good Plays, but all those other too,
Thy Wit repeated, does support the Stage,
Credits the last, and entertains this Age,
No worthies form'd by any Muse but thine
Could purchase Robes, ro make themselves so fin
What brave Commander is not proud to see
Thy brave Melantius in his Gallantry.

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Our greatest Ladies love to see their scorn
Out-done by thine, in what themselves have worn;
The impatient Widow e're the year be done,
Sees thy Aspasia weeping in her Gown.

I never yet the Tragick strain assay'd,
Deterr'd by that immitable Maid.
And when I venture at the Comick stile,
Thy scornful Lady seems to mock my toil.

Thus has thy Muse at once improv'd and marr'd Our sport in Plays by rendring it to hard;
So when a fort of lusty Shepherds throw,
The Bar by turns, and none the rest out-go
So sar, but that the best are measuring casts,
Their emulation, and their pastime lasts;
But if some brawny Yeomen of the Guard
Step in and toss the Axle-tree a yard
Or more beyond the surthest mark, the rest,
Despairing stand, their sport is at the best.

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To Chloris.

Was frighted hence, this good we find,
Your favours with your fears encrease,
And growing mischies make you kind:
So the fair Tree which still preserves
Her fruit and State, whil'st no winds blows,
In storms from that uprightness swerves,
And the glad earth abour her strows
With Treasure from her yielding boughs.

On St. Jame's Park, as lately improved by His Majesty.

F the first Paradice there's nothing found,
Plants set by Heav'n are vanisht, & the ground;
Yet the description lasts; who knows the fate
Of lines that shall this Paradice relate?

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Instead of Rivers rowling by the side Of Eden's Garden, here flows in the Tyde; The Sea which always ferv'd his Empire, now Pays Tribute to our Prince's pleasure too: Of famous Cities we the Founders know; But Rivers old, as Seas, to which they go. Are Nature's bounty; 'tis of more renown To make a River than to build a Town. For future shade young Trees upon the banks Of the new stream appear in even ranks: The voice of Orpheus or Amphion's hand In better order could not make them stand; May they encrease as fast, and spread their boughs. As the high Fame of their great Owner grows! May he live long enough to see them all Dark shadows cast, and as his Palace tall. Methinks I fee the love that shall be made, The Lovers walking in that amorous shade,

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The Gallants dancing by the Rivers fide, They bath in Summer, and in Winter slide. Methinks I hear the Mulick in the Boats. And the loud Eccho which returns the Notes, Whilst overhead a flock of new sprung Fowl Hangs in the Air, and does the Sun controul: Dark'ning the Sky they hover o're, and shrowd The wanton Sailors with a feather'd cloud. Beneath a shole of filver Fishes glides, And plays about the gilded Barges fides; The Ladies angling in the Chrystal Lake, Feast on the waters with the prey they take; At once victorious with their Lines and Eyes They make the Fishes and the Men their prize; A thousands Cupids on the Billows ride, And Sea-Nymyhs enter with the swelling Tide, From Thetis fent as Spies to make report, And tell the wonders of her foveraign's Court,

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All that can living feed the greedy Eye, Or dead the Palat, here you may descry, The choicest things that furnisht Noah's Ark, Or Peter's sheet, inhabiting this Park: All with a border of rich Fruit-trees crown'd, Whose loaded branches hide the lofty mound. Such various ways the spacious Allies lead, My doubtful Muse knows not what path to tread: Yonder the harvest of cold Months laid up, Gives a fresh coolness to the Royal Cup, There Ice, like Chrystal, firm, and never lost, Tempers hot July with Decembers Frost, Winters dark Prison, whence he cannot flie, Though the warm Spring his Enemy draws nigh! Strange!that extremes should thus preserve the show High on the Alps, or indeed Caves below.

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Here a well-polisht Mall gives us the joy.
To see our Prince his matchfels force imploy;
His manly posture and his graceful meen
Vigor and youth in all his motion seen;
His shape so lovely, and his limbs so strong;
Consirm our hopes we shall obey him long:
No sooner has he toucht the slying Ball,
But 'tis already more than half the Mall;
And such a sury from his arm has got
As from a smoaking Culverin 'twere shot.

Near this my Muse, what most delights lier, sees,
A living Gallery of aged Trees;
Bold Sons of earth that thurst their arms so high,
As if once more they would invade the Sky;
In such green Palaces the first Kings reign'd,
Slept in their shades, and Angels entertain'd:
With such old Counsellors they did advise,
And by frequenting sacred Groves grew wise;

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Free from th' impediments of light and noise Man thus retir'd his nobler thoughts imploys: Here Charles contrives the ordering of his States, Here he resolves his neighb'ring Princes fates : What Nation shall have Peace, where War be made Determin'd is in this oraculous shade: The World from India to the frozen North, Concern'd in what this Solitude brings forth. His fancy objects from his view receives, The prospect thought and contemplation gives: That feat of Empire here falutes his eye, To which three Kingdoms do themselves apply. The structure by a Prelate rais'd, Whitehall, Built with the fortune of Rome's Capitol; Both disproportion'd to the present State Of their proud Founders, were approv'd by fate From hence he does that antique Pile behold, Where Royal heads receive the facred Gold;

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It gives them Crowns, and does their ashes keep, There made likeGods, like mortals there they fleep; Making the circle of their Reign complete. Those Suns of Empire, where they rise they set: When others fell, this standing did presage The Crown should triumph over popular rage, Hard by that House where all our Ills were shap'd, Th' auspicious Temple stood, and yet escap'd. So Snow on Ætna does unmelted lie, Whence rowling flames and scatter'd cinders flie. The distant Countrey in the ruine shares, What falls from Heav'n the burning Mountain spares' Next, that capacious Hall he fees the room, Where the whole Nation does for Justice come. Under whose large roof flourishes the Gown, And Judges grave on high Tribunals frown. Here like the peoples Pastor he does go, His flock subjected to his view below;

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On which reflecting in his mighty mind, No private passion does Indulgence find; The pleasures of his Youth suspended are, And made a Sacrifice to publick care; Here free from Court compliances he walks, And with himself, his best adviser, talks; How peaceful Olive may his Temples fliade, For mending Laws, and for restoring Trade; Or how his Brows may be with Laurel charg'd, For Nations conquer'd, and our Bounds enlarg'd: Of ancient Prudence here he ruminates, Of rifing Kingdoms, and of falling States: What ruling Arts gave Great Augustus Fame, And how Alcides purchas'd fuch a name: His eyes upon his native Palace bent Close by, suggest a greater argument, His thoughts rife higher when he does reflect On what the world may from that Star expect

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Which at his Birth appear'd to let us fee
Day for his fake could with the Night agree;
A Prince on whom fuch diffrent lights did finile,
Born, the divided World to reconcile:
Whatever Heaven or high extracted blood
Could promife or foretell, he will make good;
Reform these Nations, and improve them more,
Than this fair Park from what it was before.

To Sir William D'Avenant upon his Two first Books of Gondibert, written in France.

Hus the wiseNightingale that leaves her home Her native Wood, when storm and winter (come, Pursuing constantly the cheerful Spring, To foreign Groves does her old Musick bring; The drooping Hebrews banish'd Harps unstrung At Babylon, upon the Willows hung;

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Yours founds aloud, and tells us you excell No less in Courage, than in Singing well; Whilst unconcern'd you let your Countrey know, They have impoverish'd themselves, not you; Who with the Muses help can mock those Fares Which threatens Kingdoms, and diforder States. So Ovid, when from Cafar's rage he fled, The Roman Muse to Pontus with him led; Where he fo fung, that we through pities Glass, See Nero milder than Augustus was. Hereafter fuch in thy behalf shall be Th'indulgent Censure of Posterity. To banish those who with such art can sing, Is a rude crime which its own curse do bring: Ages to come shall ne'r know how they fought, Nor how to Love their present Youth be taught. This to thy felf. Now to thy matchles Book, Wherein those sew that can with Judgment look

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May find old Love in pure fresh Language told, Like new stampt-Coin made out of Angel-gold Such truth in Love as th'antique world did know, In fuch a stile as Courts may boast of now. Which no bold rales of Gods or Monsters swell, But humane Passions, such as with us dwell. Man is thy Theme, his Vertue or his Rage Drawn to the Life in each elaborate Page. Mars not Bellona are not named here; But fuch a Gondibert as both might fear, Venus had here, and Hebe been out-shin'd, By the bright Birtha, and thy Rhodalind. Such is thy happy skill, and such the odds Betwixt thy Worthies and the Grecian Gods. Whose deities in vain had here come down Where mortal Beauty wears the Soveraign Crown; Such as of flesh compos'd, by flesh and blood Though not refisted) may be understood.

To my worthy Friend Mr. Wase, the Translator of Gratius.

Hus by the Musick we may know When Noble Wits a Hunting go Through Groves that on Parnassus grow,

The Muses all the Chase adorn, My Friend on Pegasus is born, And young Apollo winds the Horn,

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Having old *Gratius* in the wind, No pack of Critiques e're could find Or he know more of his own mind.

Here Huntimen with delight may read How to chuse Dogs for scent or speed, And how to change or mend the breed.

What Arms to use, or Nets to frame, Wild beasts to combat or to tame, With all the Mysteries of that game.

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But (worthy Friend) the face of War In ancient times does differ far From what our fiery battels are.

Nor is it like (fince powder known)

That man so cruel to his own,

Should spare the race of Beasts alone.

No quarter now but with the Gun, Men wait in Trees from Sun to Sun, And all is in a moment done.

And therefore we expect your next Should be no Comment, but a Text, To tell how modern Beafts are vext.

Thus would I further yet engage Your gentle Muse to court the age With somewhat of your proper rage.

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Since none does more to *Phabus* owe, Or in more Languages can show Those Arts which you so early know.

To the King, upon his Majesties happy Return.

He rifing Sun complies with our weak fight,
First gilds the clouds, then shews his globe of
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At such a distance from our eyes, as though
He knew what harm his hasty Beams would do.

But your full MAJESTI at once breaks forth In the Meridian of Your Reign, Your Worth, Your Youth, and all the splendor of Your State, Wrapt up, till now, in clouds of adverse Fate, With such a floud of light invade our eyes, And our spread hearts with so great joy surprize, That, if Your Grace incline that we should live, You must not (SIR) too hastily forgive.

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Our guilt preserves us from th' excess of joy, Which scatters spirits, and would life destroy.

All are obnoxious, and this faulty Land Like fainting *Hester* does before you stand, Watching your Scepter, the revolted Sea Trembles to think she did your Foes obey.

In a wild rage became the scorn and hate
Of her proud Neighbors, who began to think,
She, with the weight of her own force would sink;
But You are come, and all their hopes are vain,
This Giant Isle has got her Eye again;
Now she might spare the Ocean, and oppose
Your conduct to the siercest of her Foes:
Naked, the Graces guarded you from all
Dangers abroad, and now your thunder shall.

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Princes, that faw you, different passions prove, For now they dread the Object of their love; Nor without envy can behold His height, Whose Conversation was their late delight. So Semele contented with the rape Of Jove disguised in a mortal shape, When he beheld his hands with lightning fill'd, And his bright rayes, was with amazement kill'd, And though it be our forrow and our crime To have accepted life fo long a time Without You here, yet does this absence gain No small advantage to your present Reign: for, having view'd the persons and the things, The Councils, State and Strength of Europe's Kings, You know your work; Ambition to restrain,

We have you now with ruling wildom fraught, Not fuch as Books, but fuch as Practife taught;

And set them bounds, as Heav'n does to the Main:

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So the lost Sun, while least by us enjoy'd,
Is the whole night, for our concern imploy'd.
He ripens Spices, Fruit, and precious Gums,
Which from remotest Regions hither comes.

This feat of Yours, from th' other world remov'd, Had Archimedes known, he might have prov'd His Engines force, fixt here, your power and skill Make the world's motion wait upon your will.

Much suffering Monarch, the first English born, That has the Crown of these three Nations worn. How has your patience, with the barbarous rage Of Your own Soil, contended half an age? Till (Your try'd Virtue, and Your sacred Word, At last preventing Your unwilling Sword) Armies and Fleets, which kept You out so long, Own'd their great Sov'raign, and redrest His wrong, When straight the People, by no force compell'd, Nor longer from their inclination held,

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So th' injur'd Sea, which from her wonted course,
To gain some Acres, Avarice did sorce,
If the new Banks, neglected once, decay.
No longer will from her old Channel stay,
Raging, the late-got Land she overslows,
And all that's built upon't to ruine goes.

Offenders now, the chiefest, do begin
To strive for Grace, and expiate their sin:
All Winds blow fair, that did the World imbroil,
Your Vipers Treacle yield, and Scorpions Oil.

If then fuch praise the Macedonian got, for having rudely cut the Gordian knot; What Glory's due to him that could divide Such ravell'd intrefts, has the knot unty'd,

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And without stroke so smooth a passage made, Where craft and malice such impeachments laid?

But while we praise You, You ascribe it all
To his high hand, which threw the untoucht Wall
Of self-demolisht Jerico so low:
His Angel 'twas that did before you go,
Tam'd savage hearts, and made affections yield,
Like ears of Corn when Wind salutes the Field.

(ends, Thus Patience crown'd: like Job's, Your Trouble Having your Foes to pardon, and your Friends: For, though your Courage were fo firm a Rock, What private Vertue could endure the shock? Like Your great Master, you the Storm withstood. And pitied those who Love with frailty snew'd.

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Him with the Throne and dear bought Scepte: grace,

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That fuffers best: what Region could be found, Where your heroick Head had not been crown'd?

The next experience of your mighty mind, Is, how You combat Fortune now she's kind; And this way too, You are victorious found, She flatters with the same success she frown'd; While to Your Self severe, to others kind, With power unbounded, and a will confin'd, Of this vast Empire You posses the care, The softer parts falls to the Peoples share: Safety and equal Government are things Which Subjects make, as happy, as their Kings.

Faith, Law, and Piety, that banisht train,
Justice and Truth, with You return again:
The Cities Trade, and Countries easie life
Once more shall flourish without fraud or strife.

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Your reign no less assures the Ploughman's peace,
Than the warm Sun advances his encrease;
And does the Shepherds as securely keep
From all their sears, as they preserve their sheep.

But above all, the Muse inspired train

Triumph, and raise their drooping heads again;

Kind Heaven at once has in your Person sent

Their sacred Judge, their Guard, and Argument

Nec magis express vultus per anea signa Quam per vatis opus mores, animique virorum Clarorum apparent——

To my Lady Morton on New-years-day, 1650. at the Louvre in Paris.

Madam,
EW-years may well expect to find
Welcome from you, to whom they are fo
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Still as they pass, they court, and smile on you,
And make your Beauty as themselves seem new

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To the fair Villars we Dalkith prefer, And fairest Morton now as much to her; So like the Sun's advance your Titles show, Which, as he rifes, does the warmer grow. But thus to stile you fair, your Sexes praise, Gives you but Mirtle, who may challenge Bays: From armed Foes to bring a Royal prize, Shews your brave Heart victorious, as your Eyes: If Judeth marching with the General's head, Can give us passion when her Story's read, What may the living do which brought away Though a less bloudy, yet a Nobler Prey? Who from our flaming Troy, with a bold hand Snatch'd her fair Charge, the Princess, like a brand, A brand preferv'd to warm some Princes heart, And make whole Kingdoms take her Brother's part-So Venus from prevailing Greeks did shrowd The hope of Rome, and fav'd him in a cloud; This

This gallant act may cancel all our rage, Begin a better, and absolve this age. Dark shades become the Portract of our time, Here weeps Misfortune, and there triumphs Crime. Let him that draws it hide the rest in night, This portion only may endure the light, Where the kind Nymph changing her faultless shape Becomes unhandsome, handsomly to scape, When through the Guards, the River, and the Sea, Faith, Beauty, Wit and Courage, made their way. As the brave Eagle does with forrow fee The Forest wasted, and that lofty Tree Which holds her Nest about to be o're thrown, Before the feathers of her young are grown, She will not leave them, nor she cannot flay, But bears them boldly on her wings away; So fled the Dame, and o're the Ocean bore Her princely burthen to the Gallick shoar.

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Born in the storms of War, this Royal fair, Produc'd like-lightning in tempestuous Air, Though now she slies her native Isle, less kind, Less safe for her, than either Sea or Wind, Shall, when the blossom of her Beauty's blown, See her great Brother on the British Throne, Where Peace shall smile, and no dispute arise, But which Rules most, his Scepter, or her Eyes.

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Of a fair Lady playing with a Snake.

Strange that fuch Horror and fuch Grace
Should dwell together in one place.

A fury's Arm, an Angel's Face.

Tis Innocence and Youth which makes In Chlori's fancy fuch miftakes, To flart at Love, and play with Snakes.

By this and by her coldness barr'd

Her Servants have a task too hard,
The Tyrant has a double guard.
Thrice happy Snake, that in her fleeve
May boldly creep, we dare not give
Our thoughts fo unconfin'd a leave:
Contented in that Nest of Snow
He lies, as he his Bliss did know,
And to the Wood no more would go.
Take heed, (fair Eve) you do not make
Another Tempter of this Snake,
A marble one so warm'd would speak.

To his worthy Friend Master E'velyn, upon his Translation of Lucretius.

Hat Chance and Atoms make this all In Order Democratical,
Where Bodies freely run their course
Without design, or Fate, or Force.

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In English Verse Lucretius sings As if with Pegalean wings, He foar'd beyond our outmost Sphere, And other Worlds discovered there; His boundless and unruly Wit To Nature does no bounds permit; But boldly has remov'd those Bars, Of Heaven, and Earth, and Seas, and Stars, By which she was before suppos'd By moderate Wits to be enclos'd Till his free Muse threw down the Pale, And did at once dispark them all. So vast this Argument did seem That the great Author did esteem The Roman Language, which was spred O're the whole world in Triumph led Too weak, too narrow to unfold The Wonders which he would have told.

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This speaks thy Glory, Noble Friend, And British Language does commend; For here Lucretius whole we find, His Words, his Mufick, and his Mind. Thy Art has to our Country brought All that he writ, and all he thought. Ovid translated, Virgil too Shew'd long fince what our tongue could do; Nor Lucan we, nor Horace spar'd, Only Lucretius was too hard. Lucretius, like a Fort did stand Untoucht, till your victorious Hand Did from his Head this Garland bear. Which now upon your own you wear: A Garland made of fuch new Bays, And fought in fuch untrodden ways, As no Man's Temples e're did Crown, Save this fam'd Authors and your own.

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Part of the 4th Book of Virgil Translated, beginning

Talesque miserima sletus

Fertque refertque soror——

And ending with,

Adnixi torquent spumas & carula verrunt.

LL this her weeping Sifter does repeat To the stern Man, whom nothing could in-Loft were her Pray'rs, and fruitlefs were her Tears, fate and great Jove had stop'd his gentle Ears. As when loud winds a well-grown Oak would rend Up by the roots, this way, and that they bend His reeling Trunk, and with a boilterous found Scatters his leaves, and ftrow them on the ground: He fixed stands, as deep his root doth lie, Down to the Centre, as his top is high. No less on every fide the Hero proft, Feels Love and Pity shake his Noble brest,

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And down his Cheeks though fruitless tears do roul, Unmov'd remains the purpose of his Soul. Then Dido urged with approaching Fate Begins the light of cruel Heaven to hate; Her resolution to dispatch and die Confirm'd by many a horrid Prodigy. The water consecrate for Sacrifice. Appears all black to her amaz'd eyes, The Wine to putrid Blood converted flows, Which from her, none, not her own fifter knows Besides there stood as sacred to her Lord A marble Temple which she much ador'd, With fnowy Fleeces and fresh Garlands crown'd, Hence every night proceeds a dreadful found. Her Husband's voice invites her to his Tomb, And difmal Owls prefage the ills to come. Besides, the Prophesies of Wizards old Increast her terror and her fall foretold.

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Scorn'd and deserted to her self she seems,
And finds Æneas cruel in her dreams.

So, to mad Pentheus, double Thebes appears. And Furies how! in his differmpered ears. Orestes so with like distraction tost, Is made to flie his Mothers angry ghost. Now grief and fury at their height arrive, Death she decrees, and thus does it contrive. Her grieved Sifter with a chearful grace, (Hope well-diffembled shining in her face) She thus deceives. (Dear Sifter) let us prove The Cure I have invented for my Love. Beyond the Land of Æthiopia lies The place where Atlas does support rhe Skies; Hence came an old Magician that did keep Th' Hesperian Fruit, and made the Dragon sleep. Her potent Charms do troubled Souls relieve, And where she lists, makes calmest minds to grieve,

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The course of Rivers or of Heaven can stop,
And call Trees down from the airy Mountains top

Witness ye Gods, and thou my dearest parr, How loath I am to tempt this guilty Art. Erect a pile, and on it let us place That Bed where I my ruine did embraces With all the reliques of our impious Gueft, Arms, Spoils, and Presents, let the Pile be drest, (The knowing-woman thus prescribes) that we May raze the Man out of our memory; Thus speaks the Queen, but hides the fatal end For which she doth those facred Rites pretend. Nor worse effects of Grief her Sister thought Would follow, than Sychaus murder wrought, Therefore obeys her; and now heaped high The cloven Oaks and lofty Pines do lie Hung all with wreaths and flowry garlands round; So by her Self was her own Funeral crown'd.

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Upon the top, the Trojan's Image lies, And his sharp Sword wherewith anon she dies. They by the Altar stand, while with loose hair The Magick Prophetess begins her Prayer, On Chao's, Erebus, and all the Gods, Which in th' infernal shades have their abodes, She loudly calls, befprinkling all the Room With drops suppos'd from Lethes Lake to come. She feeks the knot which on the forehead grows Of new-foal'dcoles, and herbs by moonlight mows A Cake of Leaven in her pious hands Holds the devoted Queen, and barefoot stands, One tender Foot was bare, the other shod, Her robe ungirt, invoking every God, And every Power, if any be above Which takes regard of ill-requited Love. Now was the time when weary Mortals fleep Their careful Temples in the dew of fleep.

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On Seas, on Earth, and all that in them dwell. A death like quiet, and deep filence fell, But not on Dido, whose untamed mind Refus'd to be by facred night confin'd: A double passion in her breast does move Love and fierce anger for neglected Love. Thus fhe afflicts her Soul, What shall I do? With Fate inverted shall I humbly wooe? And some proud Prince in wild Numidia born, Pray to accept me, and forget my fcorn? Or shall I, with the ungrateful Trojan go, Quit all my State, and wait upon my Foe? Is not enough by fad experience known, The perjur'd Race of false Laomedon? With my Sydonians shall I give them chase? Bands hardly forced from their native place? No, dye, and let this Sword thy fury tame, Nought but thy bloud can quench this guilty flame,

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Ah Sifter! vanquisht with my passion thou Betrayd'st me first, dispensing with my vow. Had I been constant to Sychaus Still, And fingle-liv'd, I had not known this ill. Such thoughts torments the Queens inraged breaft While the Dardanian does fecurely rest In his tall ship for sudden flight prepar'd, To whom once more the Son of Jove appear'd, Thus feems to fpeak the youthful Deity. Voice, Hair, and Colour, all like Mercury. Fair Venus-feed! Canst thou indulge thy sleep? Nor better guard in fuch great danger keep, Mad by neglect to lofe fo fair a wind? If here thy ships the purple morning find, Thou shalt behold this hostile Harbor shine With a new Fleet, and Fire, to ruine thine; he meditates Revenge resolv'd to dye,

Weigh Anchor, quickly, and her Fury flie.

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This faid, the God in shades of Night retird. Amaz'd Æneas with the warning fir'd, Shakes off dull fleep, and rouzing up his men, Behold! the Gods command our flight agen; Fall to your Oars, and all your Canvas spread, What God foe're that thus vouchfaf'st to lead, We follow gladly, and thy Will obey, Affift us still smoothing our happy way, And make the rest propitious With that word He curs the Cable with his fhining Sword; Through all the Navy doth like Ardor reign, They quit the Shore, and rush into the Main; Plac't on their banks, the lufty Trojans sweep Neptune's smooth face, and cleave the yielding deep,

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Of a War with Spain, and a Fight at Sea.

Ow for some Ages had the pride of Spain Made the Sun shine on half the World in While she bid War to all that durst supply The place of those her cruelty made dye. Of Nature's bounty men forbore to taste, And the best portion of the Earth lay waste. From the new World her filver and her gold Came, like a Tempest, to confound the old. feeding with these the brib'd Elector's hopes, Alone she gave us Emperors and Popes; With these accomplishing her vast designs, Europe was shaken with her Indian Mines.

When Britain looking with a just disdain Upon this gilded Majesty of Spain,

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And knowing well that Empire must decline, Whose chief support and snews are of coin; Our Nations solid vertue did oppose, To the rich troublers of the Worlds repose.

And now fome Months incamping on the Main, Our Naval Army had befieged Spain. They that the whole worlds Monarchy defign'd, Are to their Ports by our bold Fleet confin'd, From whence our Red-cross they triumphant fee Riding without a Rival on the Sea. Others may use the Ocean as their Road, Only the English make it their aboad, Whose ready Sails, with every wind can flie, And make a Cov'nant with th' unconstant Skie; Our Oaks fecure, as if they there took root, We tread on billows with a fleady foot. Mean while the Spaniards in America Near to the Line the Sun approaching faw,

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Clear'd from our Ships by the Autumnal wind: Their huge capacious Gallions stuft with Plate The lab'ring winds drive slowly towards their fate.

Before St Lucar they their Guns discharge,
To tell their joy, or to invite a Barge;
This heard some Ships of ours (though out of view,
And swift as Eagles to the Quarry slew:
So heedless Lambs which for their Mothers bleat,
Wake hungry Lions, and become their meat.

Arriv'd, they foon begin that Tragique play,
And with their fmoaky Cannons banish day;
Night, Horror, Slaughter, with Confusion meets.
And in their sable Arms imbrace the Fleets.
Through yielding Planks the angry Bullets slie,
And of one wound hundreds together die.
Born under different stars one Fate they have,
The Ship their Cossin, and the Sea their Grave.

Bold were the Men which on the Ocean first Spread their new Sails, when shipwrack was the worft: More danger now from Man alone we find Than from the Rocks, the Billows, or the Wind They that had fail'd from near th' Antartick Pole, Their Treasure safe, and all their Vessels whole, In fight of their dear Countrey ruin'd be Without the guilt of either Rock or Sea. What they would spare, our fiercer Art destroys Surpassing storms in terror and in noise; Once Fove from Ida, did both Hosts survey, And when he pleas'd to thunder, part the fray; Here Heaven in vain that kind retreat shou'd found, The louder Cannon had the Thunder drown'd.

Some we made prize, while others burnt and rent With their rich Lading, to the bottom went,
Down finks at once (fo Fortune with us fports)
The Pay of Armies, and the Pride of Courts.

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Vain Man! whose Rage buries as low that store,
As Avatice had dig'd for it before;
What earth in her dark bowels could not keep
From greedy hands lies safer in the deep,
Where Thetis kindly does from Mortals hide
Those seeds of Luxury, Debate and Pride.
And now into her Lap the richest prize

Fell with the noblest of our Enemies,

The Marquis glad to see the fire destroy

Wealth, that prevailing Foes were to enjoy,

Out from his flaming Ship his Children sent

To perish in a milder Element;

Then laid him by his burning Ladies side,

And since he could not save her, with her dy'd.

Spices and Gums about them melting fry,
And Phanix-like, in that rich Nest they die;
Alive in flames of equal Love they barn'd,
And now together are to ashes turn'd;

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Ashes more worth than all their funeral cost, Than the huge Treasure which was with them lost These dying Lovers, and their floating Sons Suspend the Fight, and silence all our Guns: Beauty and Youth about to perish finds Such Noble pity in brave English minds, That the rich Spoil forgot, their Valors prize, All labour now to fave their Enemies. How frail our Passions! how soon changed are Our wrath and fury to a friendly Care? They that but now for Honour and for Plate Made the Sea blush with bloud, resign their hate And their young Foes endeav'ring to retrive, With greater hazard than they fought, they dive

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Epitaph Tobe written under the Latine Inscription upon the Tomb of the Inly Son of the Lord Andover.

In our own Language what this Tomb do's Tis not a Noble Corps alone do's lie
Under this Stone, but a whole Family;
His Parents pious Care, their Name, their Joy,
And all their Hope, lies buried with this Boy;
This lovely Youth, for whom we all made moan,
That knew his worth, as he had been our own.
Had there been space, and years enough allow'd,
His Courage, Wit, and Breeding, to have show'd,
We had not found in all the numerous Rowl
Of his fam'd Ancestors, a greater Soul,

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His early Vertues to that ancient Stock
Give as much Honour, as from thence he took.
Like Buds appearing e're the Frosts are past,
To become Man he made such fatal haste,
And to persection labor'd so to climb,
Preventing slow Experience and Time,
That 'tis no wonder Death our hopes beguil'd;
He's seldom Old, that will not be a Child.

To the Queen, upon Her Majesties Birthday, after Her Happy Recovery from a Dangerous Sickness.

Arewell the Year, which threatned fo The fairest Light the world can show; Welcome the New, whose every day Restoring what was snatch'd away By pining sickness from the Fair, That matchless Beauty does repair Se

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so fast, that the approaching Spring, Which do's to Flowry Meadows bring What the rude Winter from them tore, Shall give her all she had before. But we recover not so fast The fense of such a danger past; We that esteem'd You sent from Heav'n, A pattern to this Island giv'n, To shew us what the Bless'd do there, And what alive they practis'd here, When that which we Immortal thought, We faw fo near Destruction brought, Felt all which you did then endure And tremble yet, as not fecure; So though the Sun victorious be. And from a dark Eclipse set free, Th' Influence which we fondly fear, Afflicts our Thoughts the following Year:

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But that which may Relieve our Care,
Is that You have a Help so near
For all the Evil you can prove,
The kindness of Your Royal Love:
He that was never known to Mourn,
So many Kingdoms from him Torn;
His Tears reserv'd for You, more dear,
More priz'd than all those Kingdoms were:
For when no healing Art prevail'd,
When Cordials and Elixars fail'd,
On your pale Cheek he dropt the show'r,
Reviv'd you like a Dying Flow'r.

Nunc itaque & versus & catera ludicra pono, Quid verum, atque decens, curo, & rogo, & omnis in (hoc sum, Instructions to a

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For the

Drawing of the Posture and Progress of His Majesties Forces at Sea, under the Command of His

Highness-Royal:

Together with the

Battel and Victory obtain'd over the

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June 3, 1665.

First draw the Sea, that portion which between The greater World, and this of ours is seen;
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Here place the British, there the Holland Fleet, Vail Coating Armies, both prepar'd to meet:

Draw the whole World, expecting who should (Reign, After this Combat, o're the the conquer'd Main; Make Heav'n concern'd, and an unusual Star, Declare th' Importance of the approaching War:

Make the Sea shine with Gallantry, and all The English Youth flock to their Admiral, The valiant Duke, whose early Deeds abroad, Such Rage in Fight, and Art in conduct show'd; His bright Sword now a dearer Int'rest draws, His Brothers Glory, and His Countries Cause.

Let thy bold Pencil, Hope, and Courage spread Through the whole Navy, by that Heroe led; Make all appear, where such a Prince is by, Resolv'd to Conquer, or resolv'd to Die:

With His Extraction, and His Glorious mind

Make the proudSails swell, more than with the wind

Preventing

Preventing Cannon, make His louder Fame Check the Batavians, and their Fury tame: So hungry Wolves, though greedy of their Prev. Stop, when they find a Lion in their way. Make him bestride the Ocean, and Mankind Ask His consent, to use the Sea and Wind: While his tall Ships in the barr'd Channel stand, He grasps the Indies in His armed Hand.

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Paint an East-wind, and make it blow away Th' excuse of Holland for their Navies stay; Make them look pale, and the bold Prince to shun-Through the cold North, and Rocky Regions run, To find the Coast where Morning first appears, By the dark Pole the wary Belgian steers, Confessing now, He dreads the English more, Than all the dangers of a frozen Shore; While from our Arms fecurity to find, They flie fo far, they leave the Day behind,

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Describe their Fleet abandoning the Sea,
And all their Merchants left a wealthy Prey;
Our first success in War, make Bacchus Crown,
And half the Vintage of the Year our own:

The Dutch their Wine, and all their Brandy lose; Disarm'doof that, from which their Courage grows? While the glad English, to relieve their toil, In healths to their great Leader drink the spoil:

His high Command to Africk's Coast extend,
And make the Moors before the English bend:
Those barbarous Pirates willingly receive
Conditions, such as we are pleas'd to give;
Deserted by the Dutch, let Nations know,
We can our own, and their great business do;
False Friends chastise, and common Foes restrain,
Which worse than Tempests did insest the Main.
Within those Streights make Holland's Smirna Fleet
With a small Squadron of the English meet;

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Like Falcons these, those like a numerous Flock Of fowl, which scatter to avoid the Shock.

There paint Confusion in a various shape
Some sink, some yield, and slying some escape:
Europe and Africa from either shore
Spectators are, and hear our Cannon roar;
While the divided world, in this agree,
Men that Fight so, deserve to rule the Sea.
But nearer home, thy Pensil use once more,
And place our Navy by the Holland shore;
The World they compass'd while they sought with
But here already they resign the Main:

Those greedy Marriners, out of whose way,

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Those greedy Marriners, out of whose way,
Diffusive Nature could no Region lay,
At home preserv'd, from Rocks and Tempests lie,
Compel'd, like others, in their Beds to die;
Their single Towns th' *Iberian* Armies prest,
We all their Provinces at once invest,

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And in a Month Ruine their Traffique more, Than that long War could in an Age before.

But who can always on the Billows lie? The watry Wilderness yields no supply; Spreading our Sails, to Harwich we refort, And meet the Beauties of the Brittish Court. Th' Illustrious Ducthess, and her Glorious Train. Like Thetis with her Nymphs adorn the Main: The gazing Sea-gods, fince the Paphian Queen Sprung from among them, no fuch fight had feen Charm'd with the Graces of a Troop fo fair. Those deathless Powers for us themselves declare Refolv'd the aid of Neptune's Court to bring, And help the Nation where fuch Beauties spring; The Soldier here his wasted store supplies. And takes new Valor from the Ladies Eyes:

Mean while like Bees when stormy Winter's gone, The Dutch (as if the Sea were all their own)

Defert

Defert their Ports, and falling in their way Our Hamburgh Merchants are become their Prey; Thus flourish they, before th' approaching Fight, As dying Tapers give a blazing Light.

To check their Pride, our Fleet half victual'd goes. Enough to ferve us till we reach our Foes, Who now appear so numerous and bold. The Action worthy of our Arms we hold: A greater force than that which here we find, Ne're pres'd the Ocean, nor employ'd the Wind. Restrain'd a while by the unwelcome Night, Th'impatient English scarce attend the Light.

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But now the Morning, Heav'n severely clear, To the fierce Worst Indulgent does appear; And Phabus lifts above the Waves his Light, That he might see, and thus record the Fight: As when loud winds from different quarters rush, Vast Clouds incountring, one another crush,

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With swelling, Sails, so from their several Coasts, Join the Batavian and the Brittish Hoasts.

For a less Prize, with less Concern and Rage, The Roman Fleets at Actium did Engage; They for the Empire of the World they knew, These for the Old contend, and for the New:

At the first shock, with Blood and Powder stain'd, Nor Heaven, nor Sea, their sormer face retain'd; Fury and Art produce Effects so strange, They trouble Nature, and her Visage change:

Where burning Ships the banish'd Sun supply, And no Light shines, but that by which men die. There TORK appears, so prodigal is he Of Royal Blood as ancient as the Sea, Which down to Him so many Ages told, Has through the veins of Mighty Monarchs roll'd The great Achilles march'd not to the Field.

The great Achilles march'd not to the Field, Till Vulcan that impenetrable Shield. And Arms had wrought, yet there no Bullets flew, But Shafts and Darts, which the weak *Phrygians* (threw

Our bolder Heroe on the Deck does stand
Expos'd the Bulwark of his Native Land,
Desensive Arms laid by, as useless here,
Where Massie Balls the Neighbouring Rocks do
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Some power unfeen those Princes do's protect, Who for their Countrey thus themselves neglect.

Against Him first Opdam his Squadron leads, Proud of his late Success against the Suedes, Made by that Action, and his high Command, Worthy to perish by a Princes Hand:

The tall Batavian in vast Ship rides,
Bearing an Army in her hiollow sides,
Yet not inclin'd the English Ship to board,
More on his Guns relies, than on his Sword,

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From whence a fatal Volly we receiv'd,

It mis'd the Duke, but His Great Heart it

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Three worthy Persons from His side it tore,
And dy'd His Garment with their scatter'd Gore
Happy! to whom this glotious death arrives,
More to be valu'd than a thousand Lives!
On such a Theatre, as this, to die,
For such a Cause, and such a Witness by!
Who would not thus a Sacrifice be made.
To have his Blood on such an Altar laid.

The rest about Him strook with horror stood, To see their Leader cover'd o're with Blood; So trembled Jacob, when he thought the stains Of his Sons Coat had issued from his veins:

He feels no wound, but in his troubled (thought'

Before for Honour, now Revenge He fought,

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His Friends in pieces torn, the bitter News
Not brought by Fame, with His own Eyes He views;
His Mind at once reflecting on their Youth,
Their Worth, their Love, their Valour, and their (Truth,

The joys of Court, their Mothers and their Wives follow Him abandon'd, and their Lives.

He storms, and shoots; but slying Bullets now To execute His Rage, appear too slow; They miss, or sweep but common Souls away, For such a Loss, Opdam his Life must pay: Encouraging His Men, He gives the Word, With sierce intent that hated Ship to Board, And make the guilty Dutch, with His own Arm, Wait on His Friends, while yet their Blood is warm.

His winged Vessel like an Eagle shows,

When through the Clouds to truss a Swan she

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The Belgian Ship unmov'd, like some huge Rock Inhabiting the Sea, expects the shock:

From both the Fleets Mens eyes are bent this way, Neglecting all the business of the day,
Bullets their slight, and Guns their noise suspend,
The silent Ocean does th' event attend,
Which Leader shall the doubtful vict'ry bless,
And give an earnest of the wars success;
When Heav'n it self for England to declare,
Turns Ship, and Men, and Tackle into Air;

Their new Commander from his Charge is tost,
Which that young Prince had so unjustly lost,
Whose great Progenitors with better Fate,
And better Conduct sway'd their Infant State.
His slight tow'rds Heav'n th' aspiring Belgian took,

But fell like *Phaeton* with Thunder strook,

From vaster hopes than his, he seem'd to fall,

That durst attempt the *British* Admiral:

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From her Broad-fides, a ruder Flame is thrown,
Than from the fiery Chariot of the Sun;
That bears the radiant Enfign of the day,
And she the Flag that Governs in the Sea.

The Duke ill pleas'd that Fire should thus prevent The work which for His brighter Sword he meant, Anger still burning in His valiant breast, Goes to compleat Revenge upon the rest; So on the guardless Herd their Keeper slain, Rushes a Tyger in the Lybian Plain. The Dutch accustom'd to the raging Sca, And in black storms the frowns of Heav'n to see. Never met Tempest which more urg'd their fears, Than that which in the Prince His look appears; Fierce, Goodly, Young, Mars he refembles, when Tove fends him down to scourge perfidious Men, Such as with foul Ingratirude have paid Both those that Led, and those that gave them Aid;

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Where He gives on, disposing of their Fates, Terror and Death on His loud Cannon waits, With which He pleads His Brothers Cause so well, He shakes the Throne to which He does appeal?

The Sea with spoils His angry Bullets strow, Widows and Orphans making as they go; Before His Ship, fragments of Vessels torn, Flags, Arms, and Belgian Carcasses are born, And his despairing Foes to flight inclin'd, Spread all their Canvas to invite the Wind: So the rude Boreas where he lifts to blow, Makes Clouds above, and Billows flie below, Beating the Shore, and with a boifterous rage Does Heav'n at once, and Earth, and Sea ingage. The Dutch elsewhere, did through the watry field Perform enough to have made others yield; But English Courage growing as they fight, In Danger, Noise, and Slaughter takes delight;

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Their bloody Task, unwearied still, they ply, Only restrain'd by Death, or Victory:

Iron and Lead, from Earths dark Entrails torn. Like show'rs of Hail from either side are born, So high the Rage of wretched Mortals goes, Hurling their Mothers bowe's at their Foes. Ingenious to their Ruine, every Age Improves the Arts, and Instruments of Rage: Death hast'ning ills Nature enough has sent, And yet Men still a thousand more invent.

But Bacchus now which led the Belgians on So fierce at first, to favour us begun; Brandy and Wine, their wonted Friends, at lenght Render rhem useless, and betray their strength:

So Corn in Fields, and in the Garden Flowers. Revive, and raise themselves with moderate show-(ers:

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But overcharg'd with never-ceasing Rain, Become too moist, and bend their heads again:

Their reeling Ships on one another fall,
Without a Foe enough to ruine all:
Of this Diforder, and the favouring Wind,
The watchful English such advantage find,
Ships fraught with Fire among the heap they
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And up the so intangl'd Belgians blow;
The Flame invades the Powder-Rooms, and then
Their Guns shoot Bullets, and their Vessels Men;
The scorcht Batavians on the Billows float,
Sent from their own to pass in Charen, s Boat.

And now our Royal Admiral, Success
With all the marks of Victory does bless;
The burning Ships, the taken, and the flain,
Proclaim His Triumph o're the conquer'd Main.

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Nearer to Holland as their hasty flight
Carries the noise and tumult of the Fight,
His Cannons roar, Forerunner of His Fame,
Makes their Hague tremble, and their Amsterdam.
The Brittish Thunder does their Houses rock,
And the Duke seems at every door to knock;

His dreadful Streamer like a Comets hair Threatning Destruction, hastens their Despair, Makes them deplore their scatter'd Fleet as lost, And sear our present Landing on their Coast.

The trembling Dutch th' approaching Prince (behold,

As Sheepa Lion leaping tow'rds their Fold; Those Piles which serve them to repel the Main, They think too weak His sury to restrain. What wonders may not English Valor work, Led by th' Example of victorious TOR K?

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Or what Defence against Him can they make, Who at such distance does their Countrey shake? His fatal Hand their Bulwarks will o'rethrow, And let in both the Ocean and the Foe:

Thus cry the People, and their Land to keep,
Allow our Title to command the Deep,
Blaming their States ill Conduct to provoke
Those Arms which freed them from the Spanish
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Painter, excuse me, if I have a while
Forgot thy Art, and us'd another Stile;
For though you draw arm'd Heroes as they sit,
The task in Battel does the Muses sit;
They in the dark consusion of a Fight
Discover all, instruct us how to write,
And Light and Honour to brave Actions yield,
Hid in the smoak and tumult of the Field.

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Ages to come shall know that Leaders toil,
And His Great Name on whom the Muses smile,
Their Dictates here let thy fam'd Pencil trace
And this Relation with thy Colours grace.

Then draw the Parliament, the Nobles met,
And our Great Monarch, High above Them set;
Like young Angustus let His Image be,
Triumphing for that Victory at Sea,
Where Egypts Queen, and Eastern Kings o'rethrown,
Made the possession of the World His own.

Last draw the Commons at His Royal Feet,
Pouring out Treasure to supply His Fleet;
They vow with Lives and Fortunes to maintain
Their King's Eternal Title to the Main,
And with a Present to the Duke approve
His Valor, Conduct, and His Countries Love.

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GREAT SIR, Disdain not in this piece to Supreme Commander both of Sea and Land: Those which inhabit the Celestial Bower, Painters express with Emblems of their Pow'r; His Club Alcides, Phæbus has his Bowe, Jove has his Thunder, and Your Navy You.

But Your Great Providence no Colours here Can Represent, nor Pencil draw that Care Which keeps You waking, to secure our Peace, The Nations Glory, and our Trades increase; You for these Ends whole days in Council sit, And the Diversions of Your Youth forget.

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Small were the worth of Valor and of Force, If Your high Wisdom govern'd not their Course: You as the Soul, as the first Mover You Vigor and Life on every Part bestow, How to build Ships, and dreadful Ordnance cast, Instruct the Artists, and reward their Haste: So Jove himself, when Typhon Heav'n does brave, Descends to visit Vulcan's smoaky Cave, Teaching the brawny Cyslops how to frame His Thunder mixt with Terror, Wrath and Flame-Had the old Greeks discover'd Your abode. Crete had not been the Cradle of their God, On that small Island they had look'd with scorn. And in Great Brittain thought the Thunder born.

TO A

Friend of the AUTHORS,

A Person of HONOUR:

Supposed to
be the Lord
Berkley of
Berkley.

Who lately writ a Religious Book, iEnttuled, Historical Applications, and occasional Meditations upon several Subjects.

BOld is the Man that dares ingage.

For Piety, in such an Age.

Who can presume to find a Guard

From Scorn, when Heaven's so little spar'd.

Divines are pardon'd, they defend

Altars on which their Lives depend.

But the Prophane impatient are

When Nobler Pens make this their care.

For why should these let in a Beam

Of Divine Light to trouble them;

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And call in doubt their pleasing Thought,
That none believes what we are taught?
High Birth and Fortune warrant give,
That such Men write what they believe:
And feeling first what they indite,
New credit give to ancient Light.
Amongst these few our Author brings
His well-known Pedigree from Kings.
This Book, the Image of his Mind,
Will make his Name not hard to find.
I wish the Throng of Great and Good
Made it less eas ly understood.

To Mr. Henry Lawes, who had then newly fet a Song of mine in the Year 1653.

Verse makes Heroick Vertue live,
But you can Life to Verses give:
As when in open Air we blow,
The Breath (though strain'd) sounds stat and low;
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But if a Trumpet take the blaft, whole are It lifts it high, and makes it last: and a So in your Ayrs our Numbers dreft in the Make a shril fally from the Breft 1914 Of Nymphs, who finging what we pen'd, Our passions to themselves commend, While Love victorious with thy Art Governs at once their Voice and Heart; You by the help of Tune and Time, Can make that Song which was but Rhime. Noy pleading, no man doubts the Caufe, Or questions Verses set by LAWS. As a Church-window thick with Paint, Lets in a light but dim, and faint; So others with Division hide The light of Sence, may Poets pride, But you alone may truly boaft mogo in That not a Syllable is loft;

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The Writers and the Setter's skill
At once the raviiht Ears do fill.
Let those which only warble long,
And Gargle in their Throats a Song.
Content themselves with UT, RE, MI,
Let Words and Sence be set by thee.

Upon Her Majesties New Buildings at Somerset-House.

Reat Queen, that does our Island bless,
With Princes and with Palaces,
Treated so ill, chae'd from your Throne,
Returning, you adorn the Town,
And with a brave Reyenge do show,
Their Glory went and came with you.

While Peace from hence, and you were gone Your houses in that Srorm o'rethrown Those wounds which Civil Rage did give, At once you Pardon and Relieve:

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Constant to England in your Love,
As Birds are to their wonted Grove,
Though by rude hands their Nests are spoil'd,
There, the next Spring again they build:

Accusing some malignant Star, Not Britain, for that fatal War, Your Kindness banishes your Fear, Resolv'd to fix for ever here.

But what new Mine this work supplies?

Can such a Pile from Ruine rise?

This like the first Creation shows,

As if at your Command it rose;

Those differing Virtues meet in you; From a confin'd well-manag'd Store You both employ, and feed the Poor:

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Let Foreign Princes vainly boast
The rude effects of Pride and Cost,
Of vaster Fabriques to which They
Contribute nothing, but the Pay:

This, by the Queen her felf defign'd, Gives us a pattern of her mind;
The State and Order does proclaim
The Genius of that Royal Dame,
Each part with just proportion grac'd,
And all to such advantage plac'd,

That the fair view her Window yields, The Town, the River, and the Fields Entring, Beneath us we defery, And wonder how we came so high;

She needs no weary steps ascend,
All seems before her feet to bend,
And here, as She was born, She lies
High, without taking pains to rise.

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On the Picture of a fair Youth taken after he was dead.

A S gather'd Flowers, whilst their wounds are Look gay and fresh, as on the stalk they (grew,

Torn from the root that nourisht them, awhile,
Not taking notice of their Fate, they smile.
And in the hand, which rudely pluckt them, show
Fairer than those that to their Autumn grow;
So Love and Beauty still that Visage grace,
Death cannot fright them from their wonted place:
Alive the hand of crooked Age had marr'd
Those lovely Features, which cold death has spard
No wonder then—
The rest is lost,

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Epigram upon the Golden Medal.

UR Guard upon the Royal side, On the Reverse, Our Beauty's pride Here we discern, the Frown and Smile, The Force and Glory of Our Isle; In the rich Medal both so like Immortals stand, it seems Antique, Carv'd by some Master, when the bold Greeks made their Jove descend in Gold, And Danae wond'ring at that show'r, Which falling, storm'd her brazen Tow'r; Britannia there, the Fort in vain Had batter'd been with Golden Rain; Thunder it self had fail'd to pass, Vertue's a stronger Guard than Brass.

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Of a Tree cut in Paper.

Yet from the stain of Ink preserve it white, whose travel o're that Silver Field does show,
Like track of Leveretts in morning Snow;
Love's Image thus in purest minds is wrought,
Without a spot or blemish to the thought;
Strange that your Fingers should the Pencil soil
Without the help of Colours, or of Oil;
For though a Painter Boughs and Leaves can (make,

Tis you alone can make them bend and shake, Whose Breath salutes your new created Grove Like Southern winds, and makes it gently move Orpheus could make the Forest dance, but you Can make the Motion and the Forest too.

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To a Lady from whom be received the foregoing Copy which for many years had been loft.

Othing lies hid from radiant Eyes,
All they subdue become their Spies:
Secrets, as choicest Jewels are
Presented to oblige the Fair,
No wonder then, that a lost thought
Should there be found, where Souls are caught.

The Picture of fair Venus, That, For which, men fay, The Goddess fate, Was lost, till Lilly from your Look, Again that Glorious Image took;

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If Vertue's felf were loft, we might From your fair Mind new Copies write: All things, but one, you can restore, The Heart you get returns no more.

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The Night-piece, or a Picture drawn in

Arkness, which fairest Nymphs disarms,
Defends us ill from Mira's Charms;
Mira can lay her Beauty by,
Take no advantage of the Eye,
Quit all that Lilly's Art can take,
And yet a thousand Captives make;

Her Speech is grac't with sweeter Sound, Than in another's Song is found, And all her well-plac'd words are Darts, Which need no Light to reach our Hearts.

As the bright Stars and milky way, Show'd by the Night, are hid by day; So we in that accomplish Mind, Help by the Night, new Graces find,

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Which by the splendor of her view Dazled before we never knew;

While we converse with her, we mark
No want of Day, nor think it dark;
Her shining Image is a light
fixt in our hearts, and conquers Night;

Like Jewels to advantage fet,
Her Beauty by the shade does get;
There, Blushes, Frowns, and cold Disdain,
All, that our passion might restrain
Is hid, and our Indulgent mind
Presents the fair Idea kind.

Yet friended by the Night, we dare, Only in whispers, tell our Care; He that on her his bold hand lays With Cupid's pointed Arrows plays, They, with a touch, they are so keen, Wound us unshot, and She unseen;

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Me may be shipwrackt by her Breath.

Loue favour'd once, with that sweet Gale,

Doubles his Haste, and fills his Sail,

Till he arrive, where she must prove

The Haven, or the Rock of Love;

So we th' Arabian Coast do know,
At distance, when the Spices blow,
By the rich Odour taught to steer,
Though neither Day, nor Stars appear.

Of English Verse.

Poets may boast [as safely-Vain]
Their work shall with the world remain:
Both bound together, live, or die,
The Verses and the Prophecy.

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But who can hope his Lines should long Last in a daily changing Tongue?
While they are new, Envy prevails,
And as that dies, our Language fails.

When Architects have done their part,
The Matter may betray their Art;
Time, if we use ill-chosen Stone,
Soon brings a well-built Palace down.

Poets that lasting Marble seek,

Must carve in Latin or in Greek;

We write in Sand, our Language grows,

And like our Tide our o'reslows.

Chaucer his Sense can only boast,
The glory of his Numbers lost,
Years have defac'd his matchless strain:
And yet he did not sing in vain;

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The Beauties which adorn'd that Age,
The shining Subjects of his Rage,
Hoping they should Immortal prove,
Rewarded with success his Love.

This was the generous Poet's scope,

And all an English Pen can hope

To make the Fair approve his Flame.

Than can so far extend their Fame.

Verse thus design'd has no ill Fate,
If it arrive but at the Date
Of fading Beauty, if it prove
But as long-liv'd as present Love.

Sung by Mrs. Knight, to Her Majesty on Her Birth-day.

His happy day two Lights are seen,
A glorious Saint, a Match'ess Queen;
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Both nam'd alike, both Crown'd appear, The Saint above, the Infanta here: May all those years which Catharine The Martyr did for Heav'n refign, Be added to the Line Of Your bleft Life amongst us here. For all rhe pains that She did feel. And all the Torments of Her Wheel: May You as many Pleasures share; May Heaven it felf content With Catherine the Saint. Without appearing old, An hundred times may You, With Eyes as bright as now This welcome Day behold.

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To his Worthy Friend Sir Thomas Higgons upon his Translation of the Venetian Triumph.

HE winged Lion's not for fierce in Fight As Liber's hand presents him to our Sight Nor would his Pencil make him half fo fierde. Or roar so loud as Bufinello's Verse: Bur your Translation does all three excell The Fight, the Piece, and lofty Rufinel: As their small Gallies may not hold compare. With our tall Ships, whose Sails employ more Air; So does th' Italian to your Genius vaile, Mov'd with a fuller and a nobler Gale, Thus while your Muse spreads the Venetian flory, You make all Europe emulate her Glory: You make them blush, weak Venice should defend

The cause of Heaven, while they for words contend,

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Shed Christian Blood, and populous Cities raze,' Because the'yre taught to use some different Phraze. If list'ning to your Charms we could our Jars Compose, and on the Turk discharge these Wars; Our British Arms the sacred Tomb might wrest From Pagan hands, and Triumph o're the East: And then you might our own high Deeds recite, And with great Tasso celebrate the Fight.

Epitaph.

Ere lies Charles Candish: let the Marble Stone
That hides his Ashes, make his Virtue
(known:
Beauty and Valor did his short Life grace,
The grief and Glory of his Noble Race
Early abroad he did the World survey,

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As if He knew he had not long to flay;

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Saw what Great Alexander in the East. And mighty Julius conquer'd in the West; Then with a Mind, as great as theirs, he came To find at home occasion for his Fame; Where dark Confusion did the Nations hide. And where the Juster was the weaker side. Two Loyal Brothers took their Sovereign's part, Imploy'd their Wealth, their Courage, and their Arts The Elder did whole Regiments afford. The Younger brought his Conduct and his Sword; Born to command, a Leader he begon, And on the Rebels lasting Honour won: The Horse instructed by their General's worth, Still made the King victorious in the North; Where Candish fought, the Royalists prevail'd, Neither his Courage nor his Judgment fail'd; The Current of his victories found no stop, Till Crommel came, his Parties chiefest prop;

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Equal fuccess had set these Champions high,
And both resolved to Conquer, or to Die:
Vertue with Rage, Fury with Valor strove;
But that must fall which is decreed Above.
Cromwel, with odds of Number, and of Fate,
Remov'd this Bulwark of the Church and State;
Which the said Issue of the War declar'd,
And made his Task to ruine both less hard:
So when the Bank neglected is o'rethrown,
The boundless Torrent doth the Countrey drown,
Thus sell the Young, the Lovely, and the Brave,
Strow Bays and Flowers on his honoured Grave.

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Of Her Royal Highness Mother to the Prince of Orange, and of Her Portraick written by the late Duchess of York while She lived with Her.

HEroick Nymph, in Tempests the support, In piece the Glory of the British Court, Into whose Arms the Church, the State, and all That precious is, or Sacred here, did fall. Ages to come, that shall your Bounty hear, Will think you Mistriss of the Indies were: Thô streighter Bounds your Fortune did confine, In your large Heart was found a wealthy Mine; Like the bles't Oil, the Widow's lasting Feast, Your Treasure, as you pour'd it out, increas't. While fome your Beauty, fome your Bounty fing, Your native Isle do's with your Praises ring:

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But above all, a Nymph of your own Train,
Gives us your Character in fuch a strain,
As none but She, who in that Court did dwell,
Could know such Worth, or Worth describe so well:
So while we Mortals here at Heav'n do guess,
And more our Weakness than the Place express;
Some Angel, a Domestick there, comes down,
And tells the Wonders he hath seen and known.

To the Duchess of Orleans, when She was taking Leave of the Court at Dover.

Hat Sun of Beauty did among us rife,

England first saw the Light of your fair Eyes;

In English too your early Wit was shown;

Favour that Language which was then your own,

When, though a Child, through Guards you made

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What Figet or Army could an Angel flay?

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Thrice happy Britain! If she could retain Whom she first bred within her ambient Main. Our late-burnt London in Apparel new Shook off her Ashes to have treated you; But we must see our Glory snatch away, And with warm Tears increase the guilty Sea: No wind can favour us; how e're it blows, We must be wreckt, and our dear Treasure lose. Sighs will not let us half our Sorrows tell; Fair, Lovely, Great, and best of Nymphs, Farewell.

Written on a Card that Her Majesty tore at Ombra.

HE Cards you tare in Value rife,
So do the Wounded by your Eyes:
Who to Celestial things aspire
Are by that Passion rais'd the higher,

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To the Dutchess, when he presented this Book To Her Royal Highness.

Madam. Here present you with the Rage, And with the Beauties of a former Age; Wishing you may with as great Pleasure view This, as we take in Gazing upon you: Thus we writ then, your brighter Eyes inspire, A mobler Flame, and raise our Genius higher: While we your wit and early Knowledge fear, To our Productions we become fevere; Your matchless Beauty gives our Fancy wing; Your Judgment makes us careful how we fing. Lines not compos'd, as heretofore, in hafte, Polisht, like Marble, shall like Marble last; And make you through as many Ages thine, As Tallo has the Hero,s of your Line:

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Thô other Names our wary Writers use,
You are the Subject of the British Muse,
Dilating Mischief to your self unknown,
Men write, and die, of Wounds they dare not own,
So the bright Sun burns all our Grass away,
While it means nothing but to give us Day.

These Verses were writ in the Tasso of Her Royal Highness.

Taffo knew how the fairer Sex to Grace,
But in no One, durst all Perfection place:
In her alone, that owns this Book, is feen,
Clorinda's Spirit, and her lofty Meen.
Sophronia's Piety, Erminia's Truth,
Armida's Charms, her Beauty, and her Youth.

Our Princess here, as in a Glass, do's dress Her well-taught Mind, and every Grace express More to our Wonder, than Rinaldo fought, The Hero's Race excels the Poet's Thought.

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Upon our late Loss of the Duke of Cambridge.

(bears. HE failing Bloffoms which a young Plant Ingage our Hope for the succeeding Years: And hope is all which Art or Nature brings At the first Tryal to accomplish things. Mankind was first created an Essay, That ruder draft the Deluge washt away: How many Ages past, what Blood and Toil Before we made one Kingdom of this Isle? How long in vain had Nature striv'd to frame A perfect Princess e're her Highness came? For Joys fo great we must with patience wait, Tis the fer price of Happiness complete. As a First fruit Heaven claim'd that lovely Boy, The Next shall live, and be the Nation's Joy. Tran-

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Translated out of Spanish.

Thô we may feem importunate,
While your Compassion we implore;
They whom you make too Fortunate,
May with Presumption vex you more.

Of the Lady Mary, &c.

A Sonce the Lion Honey gave,
Out of the strong such sweetness came;
A Royal Hero no less brave,
Produc'd this sweet, this lovely Dame:
To her the Prince that did oppose
Such mighty Armies in the Field,
And Holland from prevailing Foes
Could so well free, himself does yield:

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Not Belgia's Fleet (his high Command) Which Triumphs where the Sun does rife, Nor all the Force he leads by Land, Could guard him from her conquering Eyes. Orange with Youth, Experience has? In Action young, in Council old: Orange is what Augustus was, Brave, Wary, Provident, and Bold: On that fair Tree, which bears his Name, Blossoms and Fruit at once are found: In him we all admire the fame. His flow'ry Youth with wisdom Crown'd. Empire and Freedom Reconcil'd. In Holland are by Great Nassam; Like those he sprung from, Just and Mild, To willing People he gives Law. Thrice Happy Pair! fo Near Ally'd, In Royal Blood, and Virtue too;

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Now Love has you together ty'd, May none this Triple knot undo. The Church shall be the happy place, Where streams which from the same source run, Thô divers Lands awhile they grace, Unite again and are made one. A thousand thanks the Nation ows To him that does protect us all; For while he thus his Neece bestows. About our Isle he builds a Wall; A Wall like that which Athens had, By th' Oracles advice, of Wood: Had theirs been fuch as Charles has made, That mighty State till now had flood.

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To the Servant of a Fair Lady. This Copy of Verses being omitted in the former Edition.

Air Fellow-Servant, may your gentle Ear Prove more propitious to my flighted care, Than the bright Dames we serve; for her Relief (Vext with the long expressions of my Grief) Receive these Plants; nor will her high disdain forbid my humble Muse to court her Train: Thy skilful hand contributes to our Woe, And whets those Arrows which confound us so. A thousand Cupids in those Curls do fit, Those curious Nets thy slender Fingers knit: The Graces put not more exactly on Th'attire of Venus, when the Ball she won, Than that young Beauty by thy care is dreft, When all our Youth prefers her to the reft.

You the foft Season know, when best her Mind May be to Pity or to Love inclin'd;
In some well-chosen hour supply his fear,
Whose hopeless Love durst never tempt the Ear
Of that stern Goddess: you (her Priest) declare
What offerings may propitiate the Fair,
Rich Orient Pearl, bright Stones that n're decay,
Or polisht Lines which longer last than they:
For if I thought she took delight in those,
To where the chearful Morn do's first disclose;

(The shady Night removing with her Beams)
Wing'd with bold Love, I'de slie to setch such gems:
But since her Eyes, her Teeth, her Lip excels,
All that is found in Mines or Fishes shells;
Her Nobler part as far exceeding these,
None but Immortol gifts her Mind should please:
The shining Jewels Greece, and Troy bestow'd
On Spartan's Queen, her lovely Neek died lode,

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And snowy Wrists; but when the Town was burn'd,
Those fading Glories were to Ashes turn'd;
Her Beauty too had perisht, and her Fame,
Had not the Muse redem;d them from the slame.

Upon the Earl of Roscommon's Translation of Horace De Arte Poetica: And of the Use of Poetry.

R Ome was not better by her Horace taught,
Than we are here to comprehend his (thought;
The Poet writ to Noble Pife there,
A Noble Pife do's inftruct us here,
Gives us a pattern in his flowing Style,
And with rich Precepts do's oblige our Isle;
Britain, whose Genius is in Verse exprest
Bold and Sublime, but negligently drest.

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Horace will our superfluous Branches prune, Give us new Rules, and set our Harp in time;

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Direct us how to back the winged Horse,
Favour his flight, and moderate his force.
Thô Poets may of Inspiration boast;
Their Rage ill govern'd, in the Clouds is lost.
He that proportion'd wonders can disclose,
At once his Fancy and his Judgment shows.
Chaste mortal writing we may learn from hence;
Neglect of which no Wit can recompence:
The Fountain which from Helicon proceeds,
That sacred stream should never water weeds;
Nor make the Crop of thorns and thisses grow,
Which envy or perverted Nature sow,

Well founding Verses are the Charm we use.

Heroick Thoughts, and Vertue to insuse;

Things of deep sence we may in Prose unfold.

But they move more, in losty Numbers told;

By the loud Trumpet, which our Courage aids,

We learn that sound, as well as sence, perswades.

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The Muses Friend unto himself severe,
With silent pity looks on all that Err;
But where a brave, a publick Action shines,
That he rewards with his Immortal Lines.
Whether it be in Council or in Fight;
His Countries Honour is his chief delight:
Praise of great Acts he scatters, as a feed,
Which may the like, in coming Ages breed.

Here taught the fate of Verses, always priz'd With admiration, or as much despis'd;

Men will be less indulgent to their Faults,

And patience have to cultivate their thoughts: A Poets lose half the praise they should have got,

Could it be known what they discreetly blot: Finding new Words, that to the Ravisht Ear May like the Language of the Gods appear; Such as of old, wise Bards employ'd, to make Unpolisht Men their wild Retreats forsake;

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Law giving Heroes, fam'd for taming Brutes,
And raifing Cities with their charming Lutes:
For rudest minds with Harmony were caught,
And civil Life was by the Muses taught.
So wandring Bees would perish in the Air,
Did not a sound proportion'd to their Ear
Appease their Rage, invite them to the Hive,
Unite their Force, and teach them how to thrive,
To rob the Flowers, and to sorbear the Spoil;
Preserv'd in Winter by their Summers Toil,
They give us Food, which may with Nectar vie,
And Wax, that do's the absent Sun supply.

Epitaph on Sir George Speke.

Nder this Stone lies Vertue, Youth,
Unblemisht Probity and Truth:

Just unto all Relations known,
A worthy Patriot, Pious Son.

Whom Neighbouring Towns so often sent,
To give their Sence in Parliament;
With Lives and Fortunes trusting one,
Who so discreetly us'd his own,
Sober he was, Wise, Temperate;
Contented with an Old Estate,
Which no soul Avarice did increase,
Nor wanton Luxury make less.

While yer but Young, his Father dy'd, And left him to an happy Guide:
Not Lemuel's Mother with more care
Did counsel or instruct her Heir;
Or teach with more success her Sou
The Vices of the Time to shun.

An Heiress she, while yet alive,
All that was her's to him did give:
And he just Gratitude did show
To one that had oblig'd him so;

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Nothing too much for her he thought, By whom he was so bred and taught; So early made that path to tread, Which did his Youth to Honour lead.

His short Life did a Pattern give, How Neighbors, Husbands, Friends should live.

The Vertues of a private Life
Exceed the glorious Noise and Strife
Of Battels won; in those we find
The solid Interest of Mankind.

Approv'd by all, and lov'd fo well, Tho' Young, like Fruit that's ripe, he fell.

Of Her Majesty on New-years Day 1683.

How are we changed, fince we first saw the Queen?
She, like the Sun, do's still the same appear,

Bright as She was at her Arrival here:

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Time has Commission Mortals to impair, But things Celestial is oblig'd to spare.

May ev'ry New-year find her still the same, In Health and Beauty as She hither came; When Lords and Commons with united Voice, Th' Infanta nam'd, approv'd the Royal Choice: First of our Queens, whom not the King alone, But the whole Nation lifted to the Throne.

With like Confent, and like Defert was crown'd The Glorious Prince, that do's the Turk confound. Victorious both; his Conduct wins the day, And her Example chaces Vice away. Thô louder Fame attend the Martial Rage; Tis greater Glory to Reform the Age.

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A Presage of the Ruine of the Turkish Empire, Presented to His Majesty on His Birth-Day.

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Ince JAMES the Second grac'd the British
Truce well observ'd has been infring'd by none.

Christians to him their present Union ow,
And late Success against the Common Foe:
While Neighb'ring Princes, loath to urge their
(Fate.

Court his Affiftance, and suspend their Hate. So angry Bulls the Combat do forbear, When from the Wood a Lyon do's appear.

This happy day Peace to our Island sent,
As now he gives it to the Continent.
A Prince more sit for such a Glorious task
Than England's King, from Heaven we cannot ask:

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He Great and Good, proportion'd to the Work, Their ill-drawn Swords shall turn against the Turk.

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Such Kings, like Stars, with influence unconfin'd, Shine with Aspett propitious to Mankind; Favour the innocent, repress the Bold, And while they flourish, make an Age of Gold.

Bred in the Camp, fam'd for his Valor young

At Sea successful vigorous and strong;
His Fleet, His Army, and His mighty Mind
Esteem and Rev'rence through the World do find:
A Prince with such advantages as these,
Where he persuades not, may command a Peace;
Britain declaring for the juster side,
The most Ambitious will forget their Pride;

They that complain, will their endeavors cease, Advis'd by Him incline to present Peace; Join to the *Turks* destruction, and then bring All their Pretences to so just a King.

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If the successful Troublers of Mankind,
With Laurel crown'd, so great Applause do find;
Shall the vext World less Honour yield to those
That stop their Progress, and their Rage oppose?
Next to that Pow'r, which do's the Ocean aw,
Is to set Bounds, and give Ambition Law.

The British Monarch shall the Glory have,
That famous Greece remains no longer Slave;
That source of Art and cultivated Thought,
Which they to Rome, and Romans hither brought.

The banisht Muses shall no longer mourn;
But may with Liberty to Greece return:
Thô Slaves, (like Birds that sing not in a Cage)
They lost their Genius and Poetick Rage;
Homers again, and Pindars may be found,
And his great Actions with their numbers crown'd

The Turk's vast Empire do's united stand; Christians divided under the Command Of jarring Princes, would be soon undone, Did not this Hero make their Int'rest one; Peace to embrace, ruine the Common Foe, Exalt the Cross, and lay the Croissant low.

Thus may the Gospel to the rising Sun Be spread, and flourish where it first begun; And this great day, so justly honour'd here, Known to the East, and celebrated there.

Hac Ego longavus cecini tibi maxime Regum: Ausus & ipse manu juvenum tentare laborem. Virgil.

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- 1. A Secretary the Authority of the Scripture, in which this Love is reveal'd.
- 2. The Preference and Love of God to Man in the Creation.
- 3. The same Love more amply declared in our Redemption.
- 4. How necessary this Love is to reform Mankind, and how excellent in it self.
- 5. Shewing how bappy the World would be if this Love were univerfally embrac'd.
- 6. Of preserving this Love in our memory, and how useful the Contemplation thereof is.

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CANTO I.

The Grecian Muse has all their Gods surviv'd,
Nor Jove at us, nor Phabus is arriv'd;
Frail Deities, which first the Poets made,
And then invok'd, to give their Fancies aid!
Yet if they still divert us with their Rage?
What may be hop'd for in a better Age?
When not from Helicon's imagin'd Spring,
But sacred Writ, we borrow what we Sing:
This with the Fabrick of the World begun,
Elder than Light, and shall out-last the Sun.

Before this Oracle (like Dagon) all The false Pretenders, Delphos, Hammon, fall; Long since despised, and silent they afford Honour and Triumph to the Eternal Word. As late Philosophy our Globe has grac'd,
And rowling Earth among the Planets plac'd;
So has this Book intitl'd us to Heav'n,
And Rules to guide us to that Mansion giv'n:
Tells the conditions, how our Peace was made,
And is our Pledge for the great Author's aid.
His power in Nature's ample Book we find;
But the less Volume do's express his mind.

This Light unknown, bold *Epicurus* taught,
That his blest Gods vouchsase us not a thought;
But unconcern'd, let all below them slide,
As Fortune do's, or humane Wisdom, guide.

Religion thus remov'd, the facred Yoke And Band of all Society is broke:
What use of Oaths, of Promise, or of Test,
Where Men regard no God but Interest?
What endless War would jealous Nations toar.
If none above did witness what they swear?

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Sad Fate of Unbelievers, (and yet just)
Among themselves to find so little trust!
Were Scripture silent, Nature would proclaim,
Without a God, our falshood and our shame.
To know our Thoughts, the Object of his Eyes,
Is the first step towards being good, or wise;
For thô with Judgment we on things resect,
Our Will determines, not our Intellect:
Slaves to their Passion, Reason men employ
Only to compass what they would enjoy;
His fear, to guard us from our selves, we need,
And sacred Writ our Reason do's exceed.

For thô Heaven shows the Glory of the Lord,
Yet something shines more Glorious in his Word;
His mercy this (which all his work excels)
His tender kindness, and compassion tells:
While we inform'd by that Celestial Book,
Into the Bowels of our Maker look.

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Love there reveal'd, which never shall have end,
Nor had beginning, shall our Song commend;
Describe it self, and warm us with that slame,
Which first from Heav'n, to make us Happy, came

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CANTO II.

HE fear of Hell, or aiming to be blett, Savours too much of private Interest; This mov'd not Moses, nor the zealous Paul, Who for their Friends abandon'd Soul and all: A greater yet, from Heav'n to Hell descends. To fave, and make his Enemies his Friends. What line of Praise can fathom such a Love, Which reacht the lowest bottom from above? The Royal Prophet, that extended Grace From Heav'n to earth, measur'd but half that space: The Law was regnant, and confin'd his thought, Hell was not conquer'd, when that Poet wrote; Heav'n Heav'n was scarce heard of until he came down To make the Region, where Love triumphs, known-

That early Love of Creatures yet unmade, To frame the World th' Almighty did perswade:

For Love it was, that first created Light, Mov'd on the Waters, chac'd away the Night From the rude Chaos, and bestow'd new Grace On things dispos'd of to their proper place; Some to rest here, and some to shine above: Earth, Sea, and Heav'n, were all th' Effects of Love And Love would be return'd; but there was none That to themselves, or others yet were known: The World a Palace was, without a Guest, Till one appears, that must excel the rest: One, like the Author, whose Capacious mind Might by the Glorious Work, the Maker find; Might measure Heaven, and give each Star a name With Art and Courage the rough Ocean tame;

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Over the Globe, with swelling Sails might go, And that 'tis round, by his experience know; Make strongest Beasts obedient to his Will, And ferve his use the fertile Earth to Till. When by his word, God had accomplish all, Man to Create, he did a Council call; Imploy'd his Hand, to give the Dust he took A graceful Figure, and Majestick Look; With his own Breath, convey'd into his Breaft Life and a Soul fit to command the rest, Worthy alone to Celebrate his Name For fuch a Gift, and tell from whence it came: Birds fing his Praises, in a wilder Note, But not with lasting numbers, and with thought' Man's great Prerogative. But above all His Grace abounds, in his new Favorites fall.

If he Create, it is a World he makes; If he be ang'ry, the Creation shakes:

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From his just wrath our guilty Parents fled;
He cur'st the Earth, but bruis'd the Serpent's head
Amidst the Storm, his Bounty did exceed,
In the rich promise of the Virgins seed;
Thô Justice death as satisfaction craves,
Love finds a way to pluck us from our Graves.

CANTO III.

He gives a Pattern of Eternal Love;
His Son descends, to treat a Peace with those,
Which were, and must have ever been his Foes;
Poor he became, and left his Glorious Seat,
To make us humble, and to make us great;
His business here was happiness to give
To those, whose Malice could not let him live:

Legions of Angels, which he might have us'd,
For us resolv'd to perish, he refus'd:

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While they flood ready to prevent his Loss,
Love took him up, and nail'd him to the Cross.
Immortal Love! which in his Bowels reign'd,
That we might be by such Love constrain'd
To make return of Love; upon this Pole
Our Duty does, and our Religion rowle.
To Love is to believe, to hope, to know,
'Tis an Essay, a taste of Heaven below.

He to proud Potentates would not be known, Of those that lov'd him, he was hid from none. Till Love appear, we live in anxious doubt; But Smoke will vanish, when that Flame breaks out This is the Fire, that would consume our Dross, Resine, and make us richer by the Loss.

Could we forbear Dispute, and practise Love,
We should agree, as Angels do above.
Where Love presides, not Vice alone does find
No Entrance there, but Vertues stay behind:

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Both Faith and Hope, and all the meaner train Of moral Vertues, at the door remain; Love only enters, as a Native there, For born in Heav'n, it do's but sojourn here.

He that alone, would wife and mighty be. Commands that others Love, as well as he: Love as he Lov'd, how can we foar fo high? He can add wings, when he commands to flie: Nor should we be with this command dismay'd, He that examples gives, will give his Aid; For he took flesh, that where his Precepts fail, His Practife as a Pattern may prevail; His Love at once, and Dread instructs our thought. As Man he fuffer'd, and as God he taught; Will for the Deed he takes, we may with ease Obedient be, for if we Love, we please; Weak thô we are, to Love is no hard task, And Love for Love, is all that Heav'n do's ask:

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Love, that would all Men just and temperate make, Kind to themselves, and others, for his sake.

'Tis with our Minds, as with a fertile ground;
Wanting this Love, they must with Weeds abound;
Unruly l'assions, whose effects are worse,
Than Thorns and Thistles springing from the curse.

CANTO IV.

Of his proud Foe the Envy or the Scorn;
Wretched he is, or happy in Extreme,
Base in himself, but great in Heav'ns esteem;
With Love, of all created things, the best,
Without it more pernicious than the rest.

For greedy Wolves unguarded Sheep devour But while their hunger lasts, and then give or'c; Mans boundless Avarice his want exceeds, And on his Neighbors, round about him, feeds; I

His Pride, and vain Ambition are so vast,
That Deluge like, they lay whole Nations wast?
Debauches and Excess, tho with less noise,
As great a portion of Mankind destroys.

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The Beafts and Monsters, Hercules opprest, Might in that Age, some Provinces infest; These more destructive Monsters, are the Bane Of every Age, and in all Nations reign; But soon would vanish, if the World were blest With Sacred Love, by which they are represt.

Impendent death, and guilt that threatens Hell,
Are dreadful guests, which here with Mortals dwell;
And a vext Conscience mingling with their Joy
Thoughts of Despair, do's their whole Life annoy
But Love appearing, all those Terrors slie,
We live contented, and contented die;
They in whose breast, this facred Love has place,
Death as a passage to their Joy embrace.

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Clouds and thick Vapors which obscure the day, The Suns victorious Beams may chase away; Those which our Life corrupt, and darken, Love, The Nobler Star, must from the Soul remove: Spots are observ'd in that which bounds the year, This brighter Sun moves in a boundless Sphere; Of Heav'n the Joy, the Glory, and the Light, Shines among Angels, and admits no Night.

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His fron Age, so fraudulent and bold,

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Toucht with this Love, would be an Age of Not as they feign'd, that Oaks should Honey drop, Or Land neglected bear an unfown Crop.

Love would make all things easy, safe, and cheap, None for himself, would either sow, or reap: Our ready Help, and mutual Love would yield A nobler Harvest, than the richest Field.

Famine

Famine and Dearth, confin'd to certain parts, Extended are, by barrenness of Hearts; Some pine for want, where others furfeit now, But when we should the use of Plenty know: Love would betwixt the Rich and Needy stand, And spread Heav'ns bounty with an equal hand. At once the Givers, and Receivers blefs, Encrease their Joy, and make their Sufferings less. Who for himself no Miracle would make, Dispens'd with for the Peoples fake; He that long Fasting would no wonder show, Made Loaves and Fishes, as they eat them, grow Of all his Power, which boundless was above, Here he us'd none, but to express his Love; And fuch a Love would make our Joy exceed, Not when our own, but other mouths we feed.

Laws would be useless which rude Nature awe Love changing Nature, would prevent the Law

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Tygers, and Lyons, into Dens we thrust,
But milder Creatures with their freedom trust.
Devils are chain'd, and tremble; but the Spouse,
No force but Love, nor Bond, but Bounty, knows:
Men, whom we now, so fierce and dang'rous see
Would Guardian Angels to each other be:
Such wonders can this mighty Love perform,
Vultures to Doves, Wolves into Lambs transform-

Love, what Ifaiah prophecy'd, can do,

Exalt the Valleys, lay the Mountains low;

Humble the lofty, the Dejected raile,

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Smooth, and make strait, our rough and crocked

Love, strong as Death, and like it, levels all; With that possess, the great in Title fall, Themselves esteem, but equal to the least, Whom Heav'n with that high Character has blest.

This Love, the Centre of our Union, can Alone bestow complete Repose on Man;

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Tame his wild Appetite, make inward Peace, And Foreign strife among the Nations cease:

No Martial Trumpet should disturb our rest, Nor Princes Arm, thô to subdue the East; Where for the Tomb, so many Hero's, taught By those that guided their Devotion, sought.

Thrice Happy we, could we like Ardor have
To gain his Love, as they to win his Grave!
Love as he Lov'd, a Love so unconfin'd
With Arms extended would embrace Mankind.
Self-Love would cease, or be dilated, when
We should behold, as many Selfs, as Men;
All of one Family, in Blood ally'd,
His precious Blood, that for our Ransom dy'd.

CANTO VI.

Hô the Creation, so divinely taught, Prints such a lively Image in our thought,

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That the first spark of new Created light.

From Chaos struck, affects our present sight:

Yet the first Christians did esteem more blest The day of Rising, than the day of Rest; That ev'ry week might new occasion give; To make his Triumph in their memory live. Then let our Muse compose a Sacred Charm To keep his Blood, among us, ever warm; And singing, as the Blessed do above, With our last breath dilate this stame of Love.

But on fo vast a Subject, who can find Words that may reach th' Idea's of his mind? Our Language fails, or if it could supply, What Mortal Thought can raise it self so high?

Despairing here, we might abandon Art,
And only hope to have it in our heart;
But though we find this Sacred Task too hard,
Yet the Design, th'endeavor brings Reward;

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The Contemplation does suspend our Woe,

And make a Truce with all the Ills we know.

As Saul's afflicted Spirit, from the found
Of David's Harp, a prefent Solace found;
So on this Theam while we our Muse engage,
No wounds are felt, of Fortune: or of Age:
On Divine Love to mediate is Peace,
And makes all care of meaner things to cease.

Amaz'd at once, and comforted to find
A boundless Pow'r so infinitely kind;
The Soul contending to that Light to flie
From her dark Cell, we practise how to die;
Imploying thus the Poet's winged Art,
To reach this Love, and grave it in our heart.

Joy fo complete, fo folid and fevere,
Would leave no place for meaner Pleasures there;
Pale they would look, as Stars that must be gone,
When from the East the Rising Sun comes on.

284 Of Divine Love.

Floriferis ut Apes in saltibus omnia libant,
Sic nos Scriptura depascimur aurea dicta;
'Aurea perpetud semper dignissima vità.
Nam Divinus Amor, cum capit vociferari,
Dissugiunt Animi Terrores:

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Exul eram, requiesque mihi, non Fama petita est,

Mens intenta suis ne foret usque malis.

Namque ubi mota calent Sacra mea Pectora Musa,

Altior humano Spiritus ille malo est.

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OF

Divine Poesie,

TWO CANTO'S,

Occasioned upon fight of the 53d Chapter of Isaiah, turn'd into Verse by Mrs. Wharton.

CANTO I.

Octs we prize, when in their Verse we find Some great employment of a worthy mind. Angels have been inquisitive to know.

The Secret, which this Oracle does show.

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What was come to *Ifaiah* did declare,
Which she describes, as if she had been there;
Had seen the Wounds, which to the Reader's view
She draws so lively, that they Bleed anew.

As Ivy thrives, which on the Oak takes hold, So with the Prophets may her lines grow old; If they should die, who can the World forgive? Such pious Lines! when wanton Sapho's live. Who with his Breath his Image did inspire, Expects it should foment a Nobler fire:

Not Love which Brutes as well as Men may know; But Love like his, to whom that Breath we owe.

Verse so design'd, on that high Subject wrote,
Is the Persection of an ardent Thought:
The Smoke which we from burning Incense raise,
When we complete the Sacrifice of Praise.

In boundless Verse the Fancy foars too high, for any Object, but the Deity.

What Mortal can with Heav'n pretend to share
In the Superlatives of Wise and Fair?
A meaner Subject when with these we grace,
A Giants habit on a Dwarf we place.

Sacred should be the Product of our Muse,
Like that sweet Oil, above all private use:
On pain of Death forbidden to be made,
But when it should be on the Altar laid.
Verse shows a rich inestimable Vein,
When dropt from Heav'n, 'tis thither sent again.

Of Bounty 'tis that he admits our Praise,
Which does not him, but us that yield it raise.
For as that Angel up to Heav'n did rise,
Born on the Flame of Manoah's Sacrifice:
So wing'd with Praise, we penetrate the Sky,
Teach Clouds and Stars to praise him as we fly;
The whole Creation, by our Fall made groan,
His Praise to Eccho, and suspend their Moan.

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For that he Reigns, all Creatures should rejoice,
And we with Songs supply their want of voice.
The Church Triumphant, and the Church below
In Songs of Praise their present Union show:
Their Joys are full, our Expectation long;
In Life we differ, but we join in Song.
Angels, and we, affished by this Art,
May sing together, tho we dwell apart.

Thus we reach Heav'n, while vainer Poems must No higher rise, than Winds may lift the Dust. From that they spring; this from his breath that (gave To the first Dust, th' Immortal Soul we have: His Praise well sung, our great endeavor here, Shakes off the Dust, and makes that breath appear-

CANTO II.

E that did first this way of Writing grace,
Converst with the Almighty face to face.
Wonders he did in Sacred Verse unfold,
When he had more than Fighty Winters told:
The Writer seels no dire effects of Age,
Nor Verse that flows from so Divine a Rage.

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Eldest of Poets, he beheld the Light,
When first it triumph'd 'ore eternal Night;
Chaos he saw, and could dinstinctly tell
How that Consustion into Order sell:
As if consulted with, he has exprest
The Work of the Creator and his Rest.
How the sloud drown'd the sirst offending Race;
Which might the Figure of our Globe deface:

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For new made Earth, so even and so fair,
Less equal now, uncertain makes the Air:
Surpriz'd with heat, and unexpected cold
Early distempers make our Youth look old:
Our Days so evil, and so few, may tell
That on the ruines of that World we dwell.

Strong as the Oaks that nourish't them, and high, That long-liv'd Race did on their force rely, Neglecting Heav'n: but we of shorter date, Should be more mindful of impendant Fate. To worms that crawl upon this Rubbish here, This Span of Life may yet too long appear: Enough to humble, and to make us great, If it prepare us for a Noble Seat. Which well observing, he in Numerous Lines, Taught wretched Man, how fast his Life declines. In whom he dwelt, before the World was made, And may again retire, when that shall fade.

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The lafting Iliads have not liv'd fo long,
As his and Deborah's triumphant Song.
Delphos unknown, no Muse could them inspire,
But that which governs the Cælestial Quire.
Heav'n to the Pious did this Art reveal;
And from their store succeeding Poets steal.

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Homer's Scamander for the Trojans faught,
And swell'd so high, by her old Kishbon taught,
His River scarce could fierce Achilles stay;
Hers more successful, swept her Foes away.
The Host of Heav'n, his Phabus and his Mars.
He Arms, instructed by her fighting Stars.
She led them all against the Common Foe:
But he missed by what he saw below,
The Powers above, like wretched Men, divides,
And breaks their Union into different sides.

Noblest parts which in his Hero's shine, May be but copies of that Heroine,

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Homer himselfe, and Agamemnon, she
The Writer could, and the commander, be.
Truth she relates, in a sublimer strain

Truth she relates, in a sublimer strain
Than all the Tales the boldest Greek could seign.
For what she sung, that Spirit did indite,
Which gave her courage, and success in sight.
A double Garland crowns the matchless Dame;
From Heav'n her Poem, and her Conquest came.

Thô of the Jens she merit most esteem: Yet here the Christian has the greater Theme. Her martial Song describes how Sisera fell, This sings our Triumph over Death and Hell.

The rifing Light employ'd the facred Breath:

Of the bleft Virgin Elizabeth

In Songs of Joy; the Angels fung his Birth:
Here, how he treated was upon the Earth

Trembling we read; th' Affliction and the Scorn,
Which for our Guilt, so patiently was born.

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Conception, Birth, and Suffering, all belong Thô various Parts, to one Cælestial Song: And She, well using so divine an Art, Has in this Consort, sung the Tragick part.

As Hannah's Seed was vow'd to facred use, So here this Lady confecrates her Muse. With like Reward may Heav'n her Bed adorn, With Fruit as fair as by her Muse is born. Of the Paraphrase on the Lords Prayer Written by Mrs. Wharton.

S Ilence, you Winds, liften Etherial Lights, While our *Urania* fings what Heav'n indites; The numbers are the Nymphs, but from above Defeends the Pledge of that Eternal Love.

Here wretched Mortals have not leave alone, But are instructed to approach his Throne; And how can he to miserable Men Deny Requests, which his own Hand did Pen? In the Evangelists we find the Prose, Which Paraphras'd by her a Poem grows; A devout Rapture, so divine a Hymn, It may become the highest Scraphim; For they like her in that Cælestial Quire, Sing only what the Spirit does inspire. Taught by our Lord and theirs, with us they may For all, but pardou for Offences, pray. Some

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Some Reflections of his upon the several Petitions in the same Prayer.

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I. I Is Sacred Name, with reverence profound,

Should mention'd be, and trembling at the found: It was Jehovah, 'tis our Father now,

So low to us, does Heav'n vouchfafe to bow: Pfal. 18. 9.

He brought it down, that taught us how to pray, And did so dearly for our Ransom pay.

II. His Kingdom come: For this we pray in vain,
Unless he does in our affections raign:
Absurd it were to with for such a King,
And not Obedience to his Scepter bring;
Whose Yoke is easy, and his Burthen light,
His Service Freedom, and his Judgments right.

III.

But as in Heav'n, it must be made our own:
His Will should all our Inclination sway,
Whom Nature and the Universe obey.
Happy the Man, whose wishes are confin'd
To what has been Eternally design'd;
Referring all to his Paternal care,
To whom more dear, than to ourselves we are.

IV. It is not what our Avarice hoards up;
'Tis he that feeds us, and that fills our Cup:
Like new-born Babes, depending on the Breft;
From day to day we on his Bounty Feaft.
Nor should the Soul expect above a day
To dwell in her frail Tenement of Clay:
The setting Sun should seem to bound our Race,
And the new day a gift of special Grace.

V. That he should all our Trespasses forgive, While we in harred with our Neighbours live;

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Though so to pray may seem an easy task,
We curse our selves when thus inclin'd we ask:
This Prayer to use, we ought with equal care
Our Souls as to the Sacrament prepare.
The Noblest Worship of the Power above,
Is to extoll, and imitate his Love:
Not to Forgive our Enemies alone,
But use our Bounty that they may be won.

VI. Guard us from all Temptations of the Foe,
And those we may in several stations know:
The Rich and Poor in slippery places stand:
Give us enough, but with a sparing Hand:
Not ill-persuading Want, nor wanton Wealth:
But what proportion'd is to Life and Health.
For not the Dead; but Living sing thy Praise,
Exalt thy Kingdom, and thy Glory raise.

Virginibus Puerifq; Canto, Horat.

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Of the last Verses in the Book.

The Subject made us able to indite.

The Soul with Nobler Resolutions deckt,

The Body stooping, does Her self erect:

No Mortal Parts are requisite to raise

Her, that Unbody'd can her Maker praise.

The Seas are quiet, when the Winds give o're;
So calm are we, when Passions are no more:
For then we know how vain it was to boast
Of fleeting Things, so certain to be lost.
Clouds of Affection from our younger Eyes
Conceal that emptiness, which Age descries

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The Soul's dark Cottage, batter'd and decay'd,
Let's in new Light thrô chinks that time has made
Stronger by weakness, wifer Men become
As they draw near to their Eternal home:
Leaving the Old, both Worlds at once they view
That stand upon the Threshold of the New.

-Miratur Limen Olympi.

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